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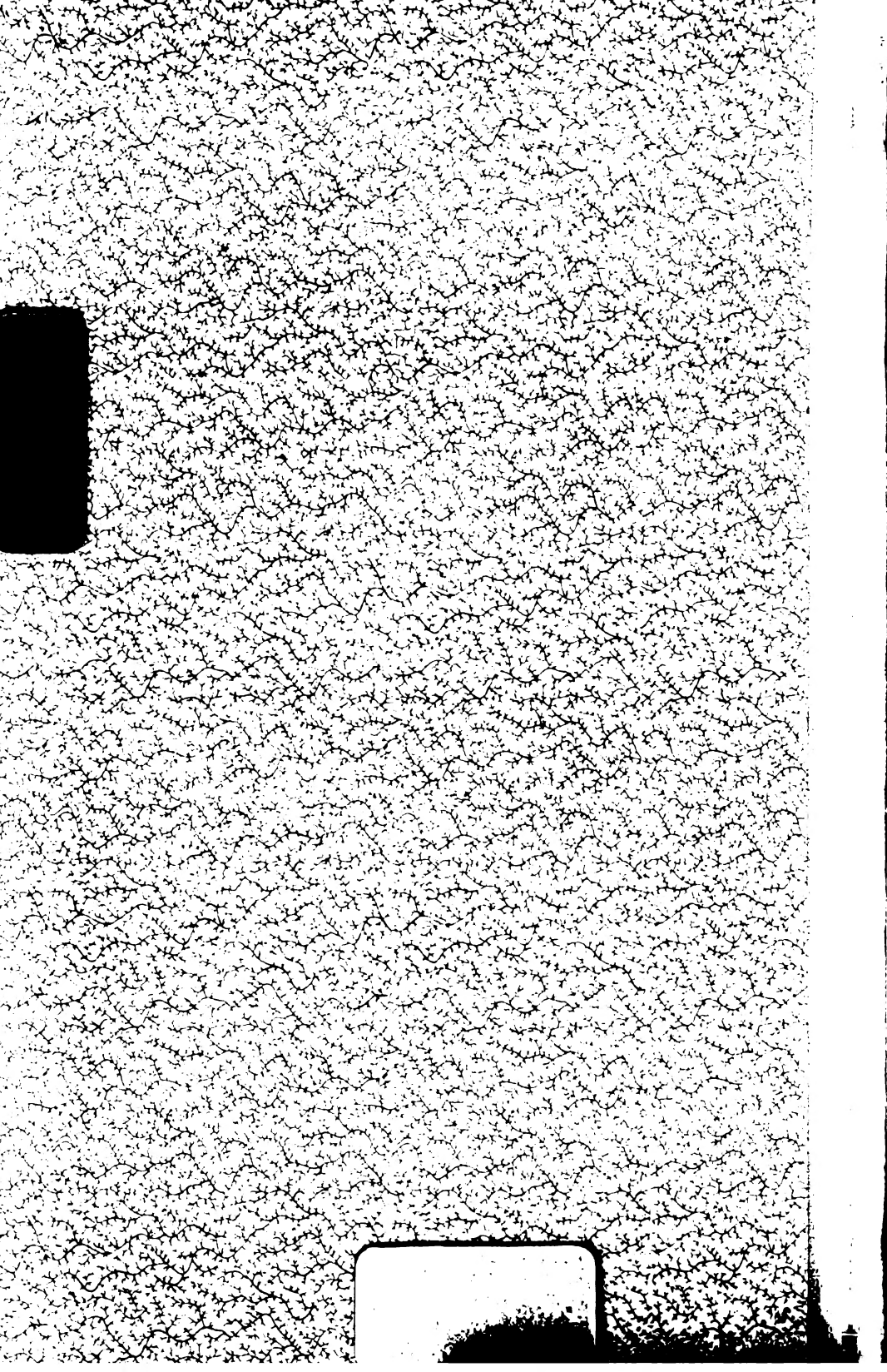
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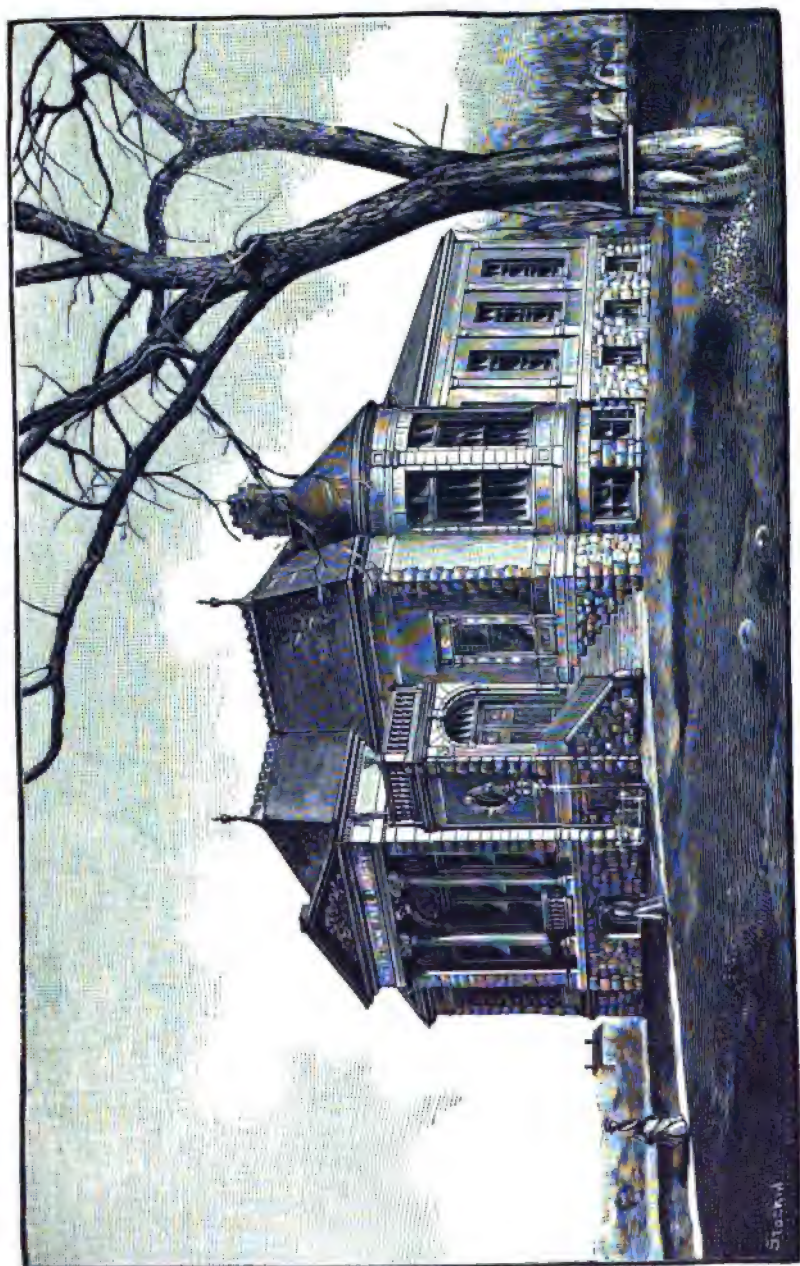
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THE LIBRARY AND READING-ROOMS

OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK.

The lower reading-room is for the use of all persons seventeen years of age, or older, who observe the common rules of good order.

Newspapers, popular journals, mechanical, manufacturing and building periodicals may be found in places prepared for them. These may be examined freely and should be returned to their places in good order.

There is practically no restriction of age in the use of the upper reading-room, decorum and the observance of the proprieties of such a place only being required. Minors of thirteen or more years of age, properly recommended by parents or others who will be responsible for them, may have cards and the full use of the Library.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The twenty-third year of the foundation of the Library has been comparatively uneventful, presenting no marked features as to its growth, administration or patronage.

It is no longer a stripling among similar institutions, whether public or private, in the state or country, but occupies, by reason of the quality and the magnitude of its collections an enviable position among them.

In its infancy the care and capable supervision of its founders gave to it that healthfulness and vigor which comes from wholesomeness and variety of literary food, and with similar inspiration all through its youth it has grown up well trained and wisely instructed, to manhood, liberally equipped in all branches of general information.

How best to give to its future greater dignity and efficiency, retaining the approbation of its patrons, the public, is a serious task and constant study for those to whom is given the guardianship of its conduct and character.

Individual boards of trustees cannot give permanence to a line of policy, however comprehensive, in the administration of a public library. Men taken from very different walks in life, trained by different schools and in various vocations, can hardly be expected to constantly agree upon all details which pertain to its development and management.— but of one thing we may be assured, the average good sense of a body of men creditably chosen, because of known culture or a presumed predilection for educational and literary affairs, will always prevail in continuing the good work of the past,—the work of men whom, being dead, the town venerates, and whom, living, it respects for the love and

tender care, the wise forethought and wholesome judgment which have, in our generation, brought this institution of ours to its present condition and efficiency.

Today, a time of great sorrow, when the loss to our country of a noble man, the last of the great warriors who saved the republic, weighs upon our hearts, stimulating thoughtful minds to sober reflection, it is very proper, thinking of those humbler benefactors nearer to us in our walks in life, trained in the arts of peace, that we should suggest in these lines the memory of such men as Weiss, Snow and Barry, whose love of the good works of men's brains, and the desire to confer the benefit thereof in the best of all the ways discernible to their vision, upon the town in which they lived, led to the founding of this Public Library, of which we, as your servants, have been bequeathed the charge. Remembering this, then, with gratitude, it is pleasant to realize that still among us live, respected and honored of all their associates and fellow-workmen—like them the best types of American citizenship—such men as Joshua Coolidge and Alfred Hosmer. The work of these men has been done so faithfully that the town has good reasons for being critical of their successors.

If it is true that a library of 20,000 volumes such as ours, so judiciously selected, constitutes a fund of ample information on all general topics of literature and philosophy, of science and the useful arts, we may fairly claim that hereafter the duty of its trustees and librarians lies in a different path from theirs and perhaps a not less difficult one.

Undoubtedly a general knowledge and comprehension of the contents of such a collection as this would constitute a liberal education for any man, and it may now be fairly questioned whether the time has not come to devote most of our means to the improvement in a critical sense, of its various departments; to supplement the standard works of the great authors with the acute and searching criticism of the present day; to supplant the scientific information of the past age with works of more

technical character to meet the needs and keep abreast of the present; and, in general, to give to the library, more and more, such completeness as may satisfy the scholar and the student as well as the man of simply literary taste or inclination.

Incidentally, it would seem as if the many books of fiction contained upon our shelves, comprising all the best works of later days, should satisfy the demands of the most inveterate novel reader and that hereafter the occasional addition of only the best works that may be esteemed masterpieces, or that faithfully delineate contemporary life and manners might be sufficient.

It is worth suggesting in this connection that the unlimited sale of cheap editions of works of fiction at such prices as are within reach of almost everyone materially lessens the demand at the librarian's counter and signifies that the taste for such literature is to a large degree satisfied elsewhere. This will, perhaps, account also for the falling off of the circulation the past year, more than the cause suggested by the Librarian that we have contributed a much smaller per cent of fiction than usual. If, therefore, by reason of our policy we have created any deprivation to any of the many classes of readers whom the library was intended to benefit we may conscientiously claim amends in having built up its quality and tone by adding to the shelves books of such merit and intrinsic value as those which have been purchased during the last year.

Somewhat more than the additional amount of money granted last spring has been expended in continuing the cataloguing by card, which has been brought to a very satisfactory condition, ensuring its completion at no distant day. Probably the future labor upon this department may be taken, to a large degree, from the time of the regular attendants: and, bearing this in mind, a less amount than before is asked in the estimates of the ensuing year, for that purpose.

One department of work requiring immediate and thorough treatment, properly and earnestly asked for by the librarian, is the binding of books. The accumulation of magazines which should

be bound, the deterioration and consequent withdrawal of many popular books, demand prompt attention and therefore we ask for a special appropriation.

We suggest that sufficient money shall be granted annually by the town to keep all books desirable for circulation in good condition and at all times available for use.

For the ensuing year we suggest an appropriation of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and the dog tax, and an additional grant of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be devoted entirely to the binding of books.

CHARLES BRIGHAM, *Chairman,*
For the Trustees.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Statement of Amount Received and Expended by the Trustees for the Year 1890-91.

Received from town appropriations,		\$2,750 00
" " dog tax,		728 46
" " fines, catalogues, etc.,		130 38
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		\$3,608 84
Paid for books, \$637.59; binding \$236.58,	\$874 17	
" " periodicals,	161 84	
" " printing, \$9.50; stationery and supplies, \$12.84,	22 34	
" " postage and postoffice box, \$10.35; expressage, \$11.80,	22 15	
" " fuel, \$158.75; gas, \$326.45,	485 20	
" " care of building and grounds,	284 27	
" " repairs of building and heating apparatus,	65 82	
" " card catalogue,	347 30	
" " salaries,	1,327 72	
Returned to the town	18 03	\$3,608 84

EDWARD E. ALLEN, *Treasurer.**Statement of Condition of Asa Pratt Fund.*

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees, \$5,000 00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on deposit in the Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1890,	\$258 10	
Received interest on bonds, to Dec., 1890,	250 00	
" " on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	11 67	\$519 77
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librarian, Dec. 10, 1890, for periodicals,	\$125 00	
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 2, 1891,	394 77	\$519 77

(Signed)

H. W. OTIS,

Treas. of Trustees of Asa Pratt Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

XXIII.

To the Trustees:—

Article ninth of the revised rules and regulations says: "The Librarian shall prepare an annual report, and place the same in the hands of the Chairman at the regular meeting in February." In accordance with this requirement, I offer the following report, the twenty-third I have had the honor to thus submit, of the condition of the property put under my charge, with some considerations concerning the use and improvement of the same.

The report of last year was extended in some respects over thirteen months to the first of February, making that part correspond to the other town reports of which it forms a part.

In the following report, other statistics and remarks have been extended over the same period.

CIRCULATION.

The use of the library as indicated by the number of volumes issued is about the same as for the last three years. It has not increased, — is slightly less. The use of the reading-rooms has increased. There should have been a considerable increase in the number of volumes issued. Several causes may be mentioned why it is not *much greater*; — for the population of the town has increased, especially the number of households where good books are prized. In the first place, no bulletin was issued last year, and consequently the increase usually experienced for a few months, especially for March, was not noticed. Then you have not purchased so large a proportion of the more popular works, juveniles and fiction, as formerly. These circulate to a far greater extent than is indicated by their number. One popu-

lar boys' story would go out at least fifty times in a year, while a valuable work of history or biography or science that costs five or ten times as much, would do well to go out six or eight times in the year. The average circulation for each volume, if we take the entire library, is in fact about two times each year. You and the people generally understand the significance of these figures. Some libraries with which ours will certainly be compared, make half their purchases from juveniles and fiction. About ten per cent. of the money spent for books the past two years has been spent for juveniles and fiction. This is mentioned that justice may be done this library which is doing so much to improve the quality of the reading*. The work of raising the critical standard of the reading may go on indefinitely, the only fear in the result is, that many people who help to support the library may not read its books at all.

CONDITION OF THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian and his assistants have been diligent to perform their duties so exactly laid down in the rules and regulations, and to carry out your ideas and wishes in full so far as they have known them.

One clause says, [the Librarian] "as custodian of the property of the library, shall take the utmost pains to preserve it and save it from unnecessary deterioration." In this particular the Librarian can only call your attention and the attention of the town, to what every user of the library for a long time has become more and more aware of, — the worn condition of many of the more popular books. Several hundred volumes constantly called for, some of them on almost every young person's card, are worn out and laid by on the shelves for repairs or as no longer in fit condition for circulation. Very many other volumes, hundreds of them, still allowed to go out on the earnest call of readers, should be so retired or should be replaced. These volumes are on our catalogues, some of them will be replaced when you have the means, and many hundreds of them should be rebound.

*Appendix II. gives the actual numbers of the several classes of volumes circulated for each month in the year.

BINDING AND REBINDING

In regard to the wisdom of rebinding, — not to say the necessity, — of a very large number of volumes, much has been said in former reports. In the earlier reports, especially in the early discussions of the board of trustees, it was admitted to be the best policy of the library to purchase at first, as large a number of good books in cheap—that is in cloth—bindings as possible, that the extent of the library might be made reasonably large without large expenditures. This was wise, it seems to me. But now after a lapse of fifteen or twenty years, many of these volumes require rebinding or replacement. In 1875 the number of volumes in the library was about half as large as it is today, that is, it was 9,618, while now it is 19,562. Not three hundred of these have ever been discarded, lost, or replaced. The sixteen years of constant wear since that date has put many of these volumes in a condition for which no librarian can reasonably be held accountable.

Will you ask the town for a special appropriation for the rebinding or replacement of the best of these old books.

You have had bound in neat and most durable form, one hundred and sixty volumes of periodicals, the accumulations of two and a half years. We have perhaps twice as many more whose preservation requires similar treatment. The extra expenditure of a thousand dollars would be considered wise for these two purposes by any prudent business man who should look to the future usefulness of such a collection of nearly twenty thousand volumes.

CATALOGUES.

The card catalogue is now substantially completed as far back as the printed catalogue of 1881. The public are making more and more use of it. It gives in one alphabetical list of both authors, titles, and to some extent, subjects, all the volumes included in the nine supplements published since 1881. To those who use it, it must prove a great convenience. 13,560 cards.

have been written, cataloguing 5,738 volumes and 1,181 pamphlets. 2,873 small cards have also been written in revising the like portion of the official catalogue. If one visits the library he will certainly prefer to turn to the proper place in this single alphabetical arrangement for the title or the name of the author of any desired volume, rather than through the nine printed lists; although, of course, one can turn pages a little more conveniently than he can open drawers and turn cards. It can be said of this, however, that the card catalogue can be kept constantly up to date, while printed lists issued during the year must each be examined in the same way as the annual bulletins. This labor one may say is not great. One eager for a volume may look through ten or even twenty alphabetical lists with the hope of finding it. But practically, ten supplements exhaust the patience of ordinary mortals. This number of lists with most, is an insuperable barrier to the use of a catalogue. Many do not now take the trouble to look for themselves, but ask the attendants, or the librarian, or more often still, we fear, go without the desired book. To lead the many to read, especially to study any useful subject, you must offer the best aids, you must do whatever can be done to make the labor as easy as possible.

PRINTED CATALOGUE.

If, however, people who do not themselves go to the library but send, wish a catalogue to use at home, there is no way for them but to send directions for consulting the card catalogue, or they must perhaps look through the nine supplements besides the catalogue itself, or a new one must be prepared for them.

If it is best to improve the *printed catalogue*, there are two ways in which it can be done. It is now ten years since the last catalogue was prepared. There are copies enough of this on hand to last quite a number of years. These may be disregarded and a new catalogue prepared including all the books in the library. This would require some time to prepare, — a year or two, — and would cost from fifteen hundred to two thousand dol-

lars probably to print. This estimate is based on the cost of the last catalogue, an estimate a little less than the common one of ten cents a volume for an auctioneer's catalogue. Of course, with all the preparation already made in our library, this low expense would give a good orderly dictionary and partly-classed catalogue.

The other plan would include the utilization of the catalogue prepared ten years ago, of which we have on hand about half the edition, as a first volume, and the consolidation of all the nine supplements as already prepared in the card catalogue as it is now substantially completed, which could be printed at once for about one-third of the expense. A similar step was taken some years since in the Boston Public Library.

So far, my duty goes to show what has been done, and what can be done. It is simply a question of use and cost for the town to determine. There is no doubt but that the printed catalogue would be useful in every house, and would make the library of greater use to the town, whether it be made in one way or the other.

On the other hand it is true with almost all large libraries, that the cost and labor of making printed catalogues is considered insuperable. This question, however, has been so many times discussed in these annual reports that it is not necessary to repeat now.

COMPARATIVE EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATION.

If we have all the advantages enjoyed by the largest and best equipped libraries, both printed catalogues, printed bulletins and a full card catalogue always during these more than twenty years kept up to date, you must not allow those people to go unanswered who compare the expense of your library with libraries in smaller or larger towns and cities where they have only one form of catalogue, or in some instances, as they do and will, with towns whose libraries have the briefest finding lists and no proper catalogue at all. There are towns and cities also where the bulletins are printed without expense to the library. Yours may be so

printed if you wish, if you will allow the alternate pages to be used for the paid advertisements of your own citizens. If the matter of expense is more important in the minds of our people than the cultivation of the good taste and convenience of readers, you certainly will adopt the cheaper plan.

There are very many ways in which the expenses of the library may be reduced. But for a library of the size of ours, furnished with so many aids to its being useful, open so many hours each week to the public, you may challenge comparison with any similar library for economical administration. One not acquainted with the facts might include the extraordinary expenses of some one year, as when a new card catalogue was being prepared, or a printed catalogue being printed, or ten years' binding is being done in one year, and so seem to make out a case against you. I have made some such comparisons, which when enlarged, I will submit to you. I have no fear that the spontaneously expressed opinion of men qualified to judge will be sustained by the most rigid comparisons.

THE GROWING USE OF THE PUBLIC CARD CATALOGUE.

Of course the entire card catalogue consolidated in one alphabet and kept constantly up to date will be far more useful to those who come to the library building and desire to pursue any investigations there. The card catalogue as far as prepared is being used by the younger people, especially by students, more and more. To such it will always seem indispensable, as of course, the card catalogue in the librarian's room has always been indispensable to the public without the public's knowing it, as an aid in answering the many questions asked of the assistants from day to day during more than twenty years.

I suppose no one with any knowledge of the work of public libraries will question the wisdom of completing the public card catalogue placed in the reading-room already so well advanced.

CLASS LISTS.

I would suggest in future the preparation and printing of lists of different classes of books. Say publish a list of fiction and

juveniles, another list of biographies and histories, another of travels, geography, perhaps including science. This could be done at intervals of time, without great cost.

THE READING ROOMS AND THE ASA PRATT FUND.

The upper reading room is increasingly used, both for the reviews and other journals there placed on the tables, and for the books of reference within easy call. The expenditure for periodicals for the lower reading room is just within the self-imposed limit of one hundred and twenty-five dollars, thus reserving twenty-five dollars each year for additions to the fund, more than provided for by the donor. Satisfaction has been repeatedly expressed with the collection of periodicals; this is considerably increased by gifts by the publisher of the *Watertown Enterprise*, by the Magazine Club, by Mr. Charles H. Stearns, of East Watertown, and by the publishers of Waltham and other papers, and by other persons.

None of the periodicals accumulating from the regular subscriptions provided by this fund have as yet been bound. Some of them are worthy of preservation in permanent bindings. I suggest the use of the remaining twenty-five dollars each year at present for this purpose.

I regret that some of the readers in this room have been several times put to inconvenience or unnecessarily troubled by the thoughtlessness or folly of some of the younger people frequenting this room. To make this room one of constant quiet and order one of two things must be done. Either the young people who go there to read or for other purposes, — notably young men and women who should know what the rules of good order and decency require, — must be induced by their parents, their teachers, or their own better sense, to refrain without the application of penalties from conversation and other such annoyances, or, you will find it necessary to keep an assistant constantly in the room at some additional expense. As a rule, good order has been preserved by our method of leaving each one to his own honor and his or her natural sense of the proprieties of such a


place. Notices requiring silence are posted conspicuously, of course. The occasional breaking of this record, however, is all the more conspicuous.

If it should become necessary to keep an attendant in this room, I would suggest the moving of the more popular portion of the library, the juveniles and fiction, for instance, to the room occupied as a patent room, and having the delivery of such books on the lower floor, while the rest of the library and the upper reading rooms might be reserved for consultation and the reading of students and adult people. Thus the lower hall would be the portion of the library sought by the great mass of readers, and the upper hall would become a kind of Bates hall for others. Of course, no one would be prevented from going to either place who went with proper decorum, but each one would naturally go where he could get what he most wanted.

I do not know as any benefactor by the name of Bates, as in Boston, will ever make it seem fitting to apply this name to our upper hall. I do not doubt that you would be willing to apply to such a reference room the name of any person who, having it in his heart to establish for this purpose a fund, should furnish the means sufficient to supply a larger and much needed library of reference books. With this hint to any benevolent and wealthy son of the town, and my reference to the same subject in former reports, I leave it to the consideration of anyone who, with the means in hand, is willing to connect his name with an institution which must claim the lasting gratitude of rising generations.

GIFT OF BOOKS IN ADDITION TO THE ASA PRATT FUND.

The Librarian received last spring, soon after the last report was issued, a present of one hundred dollars from Mr. Charles Pratt, of Brooklyn, N. Y., with a request that it be expended in such needed reference books as had been referred to in that report. These books were to be credited as an addition to the Asa Pratt Fund. The following valuable works of art, science, and history were recommended and purchased, and received the com-



mentation of the donor: The grammar of ornament by Owen Jones; L'Ornement polychrome par M. A. Racinet; A dictionary of applied chemistry, vol. I., by T. E. Thorpe; The American practical dyer's companion, by J. F. Bird; Steam heating for buildings by Wm. J. Baldwin; Collections of the Massachusetts Historical Society. These volumes were all much needed, had been repeatedly called for by persons specially interested in those particular subjects.

While acknowledging the kindness with which this gift was made as an expression of pleasure in the manner in which the Asa Pratt Fund had been administered, and doubtless with some interest in his early home and the final resting place of his parents, let us hope that the use made of these special books will make some to be more effective men and women, and will yield their donor a fair return in the satisfaction which must ever come from wise and good deeds.

The need of a small alcove of valuable reference books on subjects in which our young men and women are specially interested is apparent most to those who are in the library all the time, and are frequently pained to be obliged to confess inability to answer calls for information contained only in special books.

THE COST AND VALUE OF THE LIBRARY.

To the end of 1890, there have been purchased 13,396 volumes, at a cost of \$19,445.14 * or an average of \$1.45 per volume; while 4,792 volumes have been given, and 1,373 volumes have been obtained by binding pamphlets and periodicals some of

* Since the report of 1879 was printed in 1880, when it was shown (page 21) that \$13,714.67 had then been expended for books, there has been paid:

In 1880, \$59.32 for 479 volumes, or an average price of \$1.22 per volume.

1881,	466.71	"	378	"	"	"	"	1.23	"
1882,	621.22	"	402	"	"	"	"	1.55	"
1883,	350.73	"	291	"	"	"	"	1.20	"
1884,	417.52	"	297	"	"	"	"	1.40	"
1885,	349.35	"	664	"	"	"	"	1.27	"
1886,	817.34	"	654	"	"	"	"	1.23	"
1887,	454.50	"	613	"	"	"	"	.74	"
1888,	789.65	"	596	"	"	"	"	1.40	"
1889,	324.49	"	269	"	"	"	"	1.20	"
1890,	637.59	"	363	"	"	"	"	1.75	"
In all,	\$19,445.14	for	13,396	"	"	"	"	1.45	"

The increased average price during 1890 is accounted for in the more expensive character of the books purchased.

which had been purchased for the reading room, some of which had been given to the library. It is fair to estimate the present value of the library consisting of 19,563 volumes at the average cost of those purchased, (that is \$1.45) which would be \$28,366.35. Although some, especially children's books, mostly of low cost, have been worn out by use, — these would number only a few hundred volumes, — many other books are worth several times their cost. The library should be insured either by some substantial company or companies or by the town, for at least \$25,000. The card and other catalogues and unbound periodicals and pamphlets are worth several thousand more.

The building has cost with its improvements and fixtures about \$45,000, making the present value of the whole establishment at least seventy-five thousand (75,000) dollars. What it is really worth to the town depends entirely upon its use. If used by all, or even by half of the people, as it is used by a few, its real value to the town, counted in the years to come, would doubtless be capable of measurement in dollars and cents only by figures many times as large as these named; while in increased technical and business knowledge, in enlarged views of life, in better trained minds, in well balanced characters, in greater satisfaction in living, its value can be estimated only by such as have learned to prize such things.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY-GIFTS TO THE PRESENT TIME.

The total amount of donations in money for books and for the building has been to date \$32,215,— including the Asa Pratt Fund of \$5,000, the partial income of which is to be expended for periodicals,—besides more than a thousand dollars worth of labor and material in fitting up the lower reading-room.

The usual statistics of the use and growth of the library, so arranged that different years may be compared, list of donations, and lists of periodicals taken, are given in the appendices.

The Hollingsworth & Whitney Company have supplied the library with paper and paste for covering books during this year, as for many years past, without charge.

REQUEST OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Historical Society of Watertown has been of some benefit already to the library in calling attention to matters of historical interest to the town and so securing some contributions to the library. This society having no building or permanent location of its own at present, desires the library to receive any books or other documents which may be contributed to it as a nucleus of a future collection, in order that contributors may feel that their gifts will be cared for and preserved in a secure place. Their use, which might be freely allowed in the building, would be ample compensation for the small amount of room thus taken.

The early records of the First Parish have been entrusted to the library for safe keeping and may, it is presumed, be thus used.

A SAFE FOR VALUABLE DOCUMENTS.

It is very desirable that a fire-proof safe should be located somewhere in the building for the preservation of manuscripts and rare volumes or pamphlets that may come into the possession of the library.

The history of the establishment and growth of the library from the first, prepared for the recent History of Middlesex County, has been written and can be read in that work, of which there are many copies in town, or copies of this particular part may be had on application.

This makes it possible to present a much briefer report than usual, and thus save space for the long Bulletin of additions for the past two years.

That the interests of the library may always be considered among the most important interests of the town, and may ever receive its wise and generous financial and moral support, is your hope as it has ever been that of those who have watched its progress from the start.

SOLON F. WHITNEY, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX I. USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	YEARS.									
	1881	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	13,083	14,064	14,536	15,056	15,791	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565
Increase during the year.....	636	981	491	500	735	796	1,130	788	407	653
Increase by purchase.....	378	402	291	297	664	654	613	565	269	363
Increase by gift.....	62	396	158	124	67	105	517	101	220	127
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	219	175	45	79	4	111	112	112		163
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates.....	23	8	2			74				
Total number of pamphlets in the Library.....	10,977	10,268	11,335	11,592	13,094	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376
Increase of pamphlets and papers by purchase.....	1,115	810	934	934	960	1,155	1,059	1,041	1,091	1,083
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift.....	390	712	557	538	550	836	1,423	2,539	6,222	5,955
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	2,415	2231	424	1,215	8	1,549		2,149	3,008	4,320
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.....	3,497	3,696	3,889	4,114	4,326	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656*
Total number of volumes issued.....	27,919	29,474	28,274	27,469	30,304	31,998	34,251	37,810	37,435	39,131*
Number of books covered.....	2,779	3,914	2,644	4,647	3,552	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,521*
Money received for catalogues.....	\$33.00	\$7.85	\$11.60	\$13.25	\$5.50	\$5.78	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75*
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.....	91.40	86.60	88.77	96.91	96.91	110.65	115.12	121.59	113.28	123.68*

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

* For 13 months.

APPENDIX II. SHOWING THE CHARACTER OF THE CIRCULATION BY CLASSES DURING EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR 1890.

	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL.	Of these: used in Library.
Cyclopædias,* etc.....	126	112	65	78	62	33	29	54	58	78	70	40	805	512
Periodicals,* bound and in numbers.....	448	330	445	243	164	171	183	194	143	266	277	174	3,088	962
Juveniles.....	591	566	659	567	526	365	330	377	317	445	492	457	5,692	733
Prose fiction.....	1,492	1,396	1,530	1,408	1,329	1,142	1,216	1,243	1,086	1,118	1,218	1,180	15,353	568
Geog. and travels.....	195	252	327	192	148	132	127	101	129	130	169	163	2,065	290
Art, literature.....	146	161	168	169	136	115	88	79	103	105	117	123	1,510	215
Theology and religion..	67	44	56	50	39	38	52	53	35	28	54	39	555	56
Education.....	45	57	67	59	73	40	22	28	35	64	53	47	590	123
Biography.....	72	129	142	93	107	88	71	65	79	78	92	70	1,083	120
Poetry.....	134	143	102	75	52	50	33	36	58	61	63	60	867	231
History.....	181	235	241	182	161	142	120	116	108	158	134	153	1,931	389
Sciences.....	141	141	156	114	107	116	114	83	112	115	100	80	1,379	263
Soc. science, law, etc...	96	93	85	91	46	38	41	45	57	58	68	51	772	168
Total.....	3,734	3,659	4,043	3,316	2,950	2,470	2,426	2,474	2,390	2,704	2,907	2,637	35,640	4,630

* In addition to those in the cases in the reading room, of which no account is kept.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1890.

DONORS.	Pamphlets and Vols. Papers.	
	Vols.	Papers.
American Library Association.....		1
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register," and "Unitarian Review".....		64
Amherst College.....		3
Andover, Mass., Memorial Library.....		1
Asa Pratt Fund.....		2538
Banks, Gen. Nathaniel P.....	2	
Baldwin, E. D., Publisher of "Newton Graphic".....		52
Barker, Fred. G., Publisher of "Watertown Enterprise".....	2	750
Barry, Mrs. C. J.....	3	12
Bates, Wm. C., of Newton.....		2
Berry, Mrs. C. W., to the W. F. P. L. in charge for the Historical Society of Watertown, <i>two swords</i> and..		1
Bigelow, Jonathan.....	1	
Boston Commissioners of Parks.....		1
Boston Record Commissioners.....	2	1
Boston Public Library.....		2
Boston Athenæum.....		1
Boston & Maine Railroad, Passenger Dep't.....	2	
Boston Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
Bradford, Mrs. Ruth A.....	1	2
Brookline Public Library.....		1
Browne, H. E., ed., "Waltham Daily Tribune,".....		266
Bustin, Wm. H., Jr.....	2	4
Cambridge Public Library.....		1
Carter, James C.....		1
Cashman, Joseph, "Boston Journal," etc.....	6	309

Chase, George B.....	I	
Children's Hospital.....		1
Clarke, H. W., "Forest and Stream,"		52
Cobden Club, London.....		1
Concord Public Library.....		1
Cornell University.....		2
Crane, A. C.....		1
Cushing, Helen G.....		1
Cushing, William.....	25	
Damrell & Upham.....		1
Dawes, Hon. E. L., Official Gazette U. S. Patent Office..		57
Dingley, Nelson, Jr.....		1
Ditson & Co., "Musical Record,".....		12
Dorsey, George E., of House of Rep.....		1
Ensign, C. S., Representative for 1891.....	6	31
Faxon, Geo. F.....		8
Fay, Frank B.....		1
Fletcher, J. H., Representative for 1890.....	13	
Frisbie, Dr. J. F., of Newton.....		2
Funk & Wagnalls, "The Voice,".....		52
Geneso, N. Y., Wadsworth Library.....		1
Goodwin, Charles B., Wellesley.....		13
Grand Rapids Board of Trade.....		1
Gregg, S. Albert, "Amer. Legion of Honor Journal,"...		12
Griswold, W. M.....		1
Guild, R. I., Librarian of Brown University, Prov., R. I.		1
Gurney Hot Water Heating Company.....		1
Haberstroh, Albert.....		1
Harrington, Miss Edith.....		11
Harvard University.....	I	
Harvard University Library, "Bulletins".....		3
Hawley, H. W., Manager, "Denver Times,".....		283
Historical Society of Philadelphia.....	I	
Hoar, Hon. Geo. F.....		1
Hopedale Public Library.....		1
Horsford, Prof. E. N.....	I	1
Hosmer, Alfred, M. D.....	I	21
Ingraham, Wm. H.....		1
Iverson, Blakeman & Co.....	I	
Lancaster, Mass., Library.....		1

Larremore, Wilbur.....	1	
Lawrence Public Library		2
Learned, Henry J.....	2	
Los Angeles Public Library.....		1
Maimonides Library, New York.....		1
March, Geo. N.....	1	1
Mason, Rev. F. E., editor, "The Seed".....		13
Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth of	15	2
Massachusetts State Agricultural experiment station		8
Massachusetts Club.....		1
Massachusetts Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, "Our Dumb Animals,".....		12
Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.....	1	
Mead, Julian A., M. D., "Die Gartentaube".....		29
Melrose Public Library.....		1
Natick, Mass., Morse Institute.....		1
New York, Department of Parks.....		1
Newberry Library, Chicago.....		1
Newton Free Library.....		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....		1
Peoria, (Ill.), Public Library.....		1
Porter, Rev. E. C.....		1
Pratt, Charles, for Asa Pratt Fund.....	12	
Pratt, George H., Publisher of "Newton Journal".....		50
Pratt Institute.....		3
Priest, George E.....	1	
Providence, (R. I.), Public Library.....		1
Rand, Rev. Edward A.....	3	
Refreshment News, Publishers of, London, Eng.....		18
Richardson, Rev. W. G., "Epworth Herald,".....		42
Saint Paul Public Library.....		1
Salem Public Library.....		2
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....		1
Shaw, Oliver.....	1	
Smithsonian Institution.....	8	5
Somerville Public Library.....		1
Springfield City Library Association.....		13
Starbuck, Alex., Ed. of "Waltham Free Press,".....		281
Stearns, Charles A., Electrical and Mechanical periodicals		175
Swansea, Eng., Public Library.....		2

Swett, Noah; Porter, L. B.; Shaw, Oliver; Mead, Julian A.; Sprague, Chester, and Perkins, J. H.: The New Atlas of Middlesex county.....	I	
Taunton Public Library.....		1
Toledo, (O.), Public Library.....		1
Townsend, <i>Prof.</i> L. T., "Our Day,".....		36
Travellers Insurance Co., "Travellers Record,"....		12
Tufts College, "Tuftonian," <i>etc.</i>		18
United States Bureau of Education.....	1	7
United States Bureau of the Mint.....	2	
United States Department of the Interior.....	1	
United States Department of State, "Consular Reports,"		21
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	1
University of Pennsylvania.....	1	
Unknown.....	2	29
Washburn, Wm. T. ...	1	
Watertown Magazine Club, yearly contribution of fifteen (15) periodicals.....		466
Wayland Public Library.....		1
Wellesley Free Library.....	I	
Westminster (London) United Parishes of St. Margaret and St. John.....		1
Weymouth, Tufts Library		2
Whitcomb, Francis, Royal Arcanum Guide and Candidate		9
White-Smith Music Pub. Co., "Folio,".....		12
Whitney, Solon F.....		2
Wilkesbarre, (Pa.), Osterhout Free Library.....		1
Woburn Public Library.....		1
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal"		52
Worcester Free Library.....		1
Wright, Carroll D., Commissioner of Labor.....	I	

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Those not found on the tables of the Reading-room may be called for at the Desk.

American Legion of Honor Journal.	Gartenlaube.
American Library Journal.	Good Words.
American Naturalist.	Harper's Magazine.
Andover Review.	Harper's Young People.
Appalachia.	Harvard Univ. Library Bulletin.
Arena.	Home-Maker.
Art Amateur.	Illustration, Paris.
Atlantic Monthly.	Lend a Hand.
Bangor Historical Magazine.	Library Notes.
Boston Evening Journal.	Life (N. Y.)
Boston Public Library Bulletin.	Literary News.
Century Magazine.	Literary World.
Chambers Journal.	Littell's Living Age.
Chautauquan.	Magazine of American History.
Christian Register.	Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports.
Contemporary Review.	Methodist Review.
Coöperative Index to Periodicals.	Musical Record.
Decorator and Furnisher.	Nation, N. Y.
Denver Daily Times.	N. E. Historical Register.
Dublin Review.	N. E. Journal of Education.
Eclectic Magazine.	New England Magazine.
Edinburg Review.	Newton Graphic.
Education.	Newton Journal.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Nineteenth Century.
Epworth Herald.	North American Review.
Farm Journal.	Notes and Queries.
Fliegende Blätter.	Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent
Folio.	Office.
Forest and Stream.	Our Dumb Animals.
Forum.	Our Day.
Garden and Forest.	Our Youth.

Outing.	Scribner's Monthly Magazine.
Overland Monthly.	Travellers' Record.
Political Science Quarterly.	Tuftsian.
Popular Science Monthly.	Ueber Land and Meer.
Punch.	Union Signal.
Quarterly Review.	Unitarian.
Queen.	Unitarian Review.
Royal Arcanum Guide and Candidate.	U. S. Consular Reports.
St. Nicholas.	Voice.
Science.	Waltham Daily Tribune.
Seed.	Waltham Daily Press.
Specifications and Drawings of Patents from the U. S. Patent Office.	Wide Awake.
	Woman's Journal.
	Youth's Companion.

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY MR. FRED. G. BARKER, PUBLISHER.

American Economist.	Natick Bulletin.
Atlanta Constitution.	New York Mail and Express.
Board of Trade Journal, Portland.	Ornithologist and Oologist.
Bridgewater Independent.	Practical Farmer.
Brighton Item.	Woburn Journal.
Farm Poultry.	Watertown Enterprise (2 copies).
Horse and Stable.	

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN MAGAZINE CLUB.

Atlantic Monthly.	Littell's Living Age.
Century.	New England Magazine.
Christian Register.	North American Review.
Forum.	St. Nicholas.
Graphic (London).	Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Bazaar.	Season, London.
Harper's Weekly.	Temple Bar.
Life.	

PERIODICALS PURCHASED FROM THE INCOME OF THE

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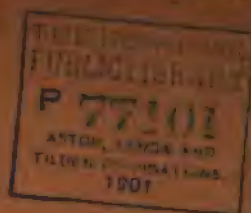
This list is partly *experimental*, the desire being to obtain the *best practical journals that will be used*. Anyone wishing any other journal not on the list, is invited to confer with either of the Trustees of the Library, or if more convenient with the Librarian.

American Architect.	American Artisan, Tinner and
American Agriculturist.	House Furnisher.

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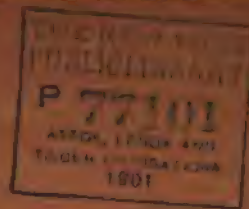
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| American Manufacturer and Iron | London Weekly Times. |
| World. | Manufacturer and Builder. |
| Boston Herald (evening). | Massachusetts Ploughman. |
| Botson Evening Record. | Metal Worker. |
| Boston Evening Transcript. | New York Tribune, Semi-Weekly. |
| Boston Post. | New York Herald, daily, including |
| Cabinet Maker, London. | the Sunday edition. |
| Carpentry and Building. | Popular Science News. |
| Electrical Engineer. | Poultry World. |
| Engineering, London. | Scientific American. |
| Harper's Magazine. | Sci. American, Builders' Edition. |
| Harper's Weekly. | Scientific American Supplement. |
| Illustrated London News. | Shoppell's Modern Houses. |
| Illus. Sporting and Dramatic News. | Springfield Republican. |
| Inland Architect. | Textile Manufacturer. |
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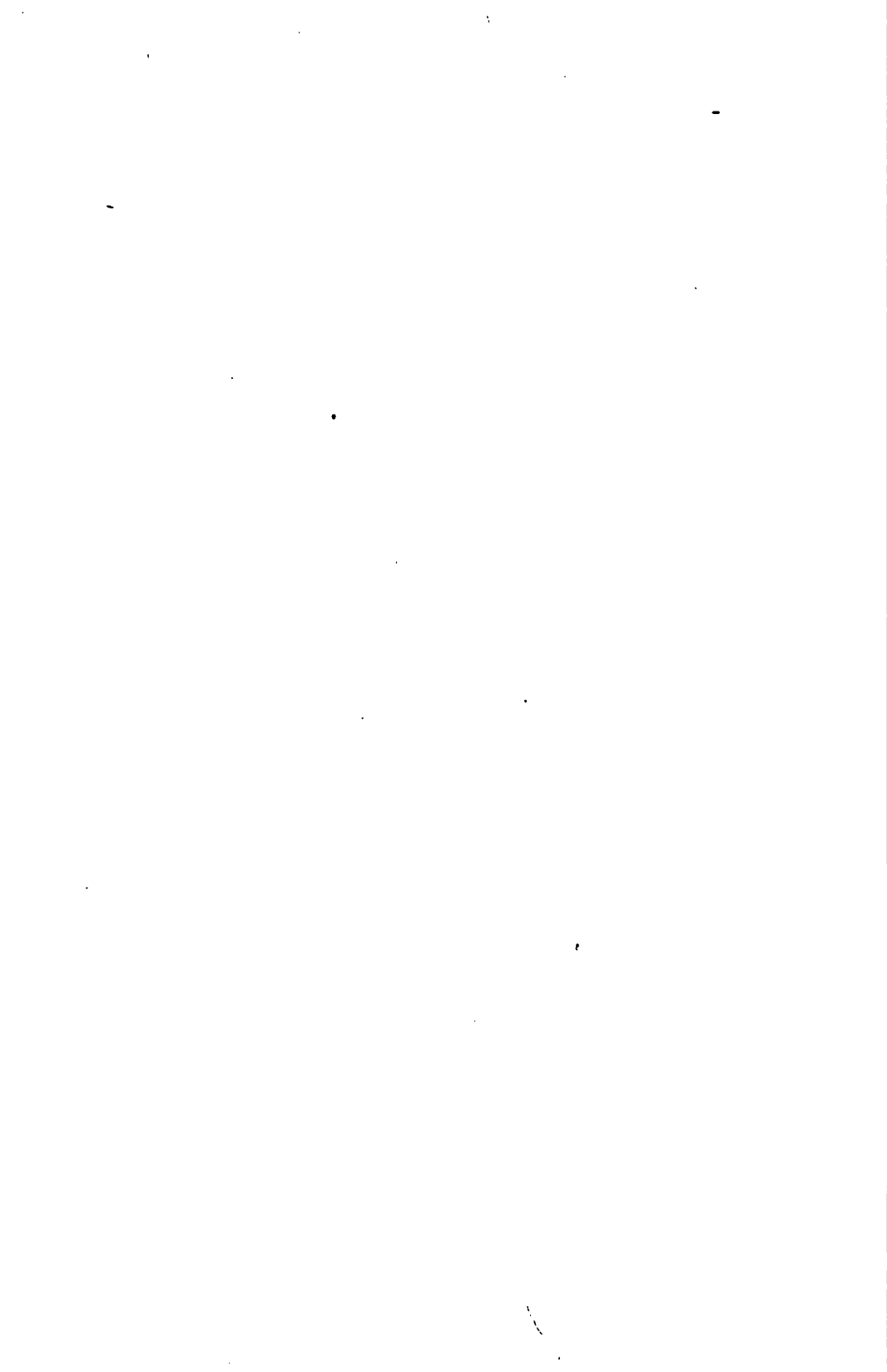
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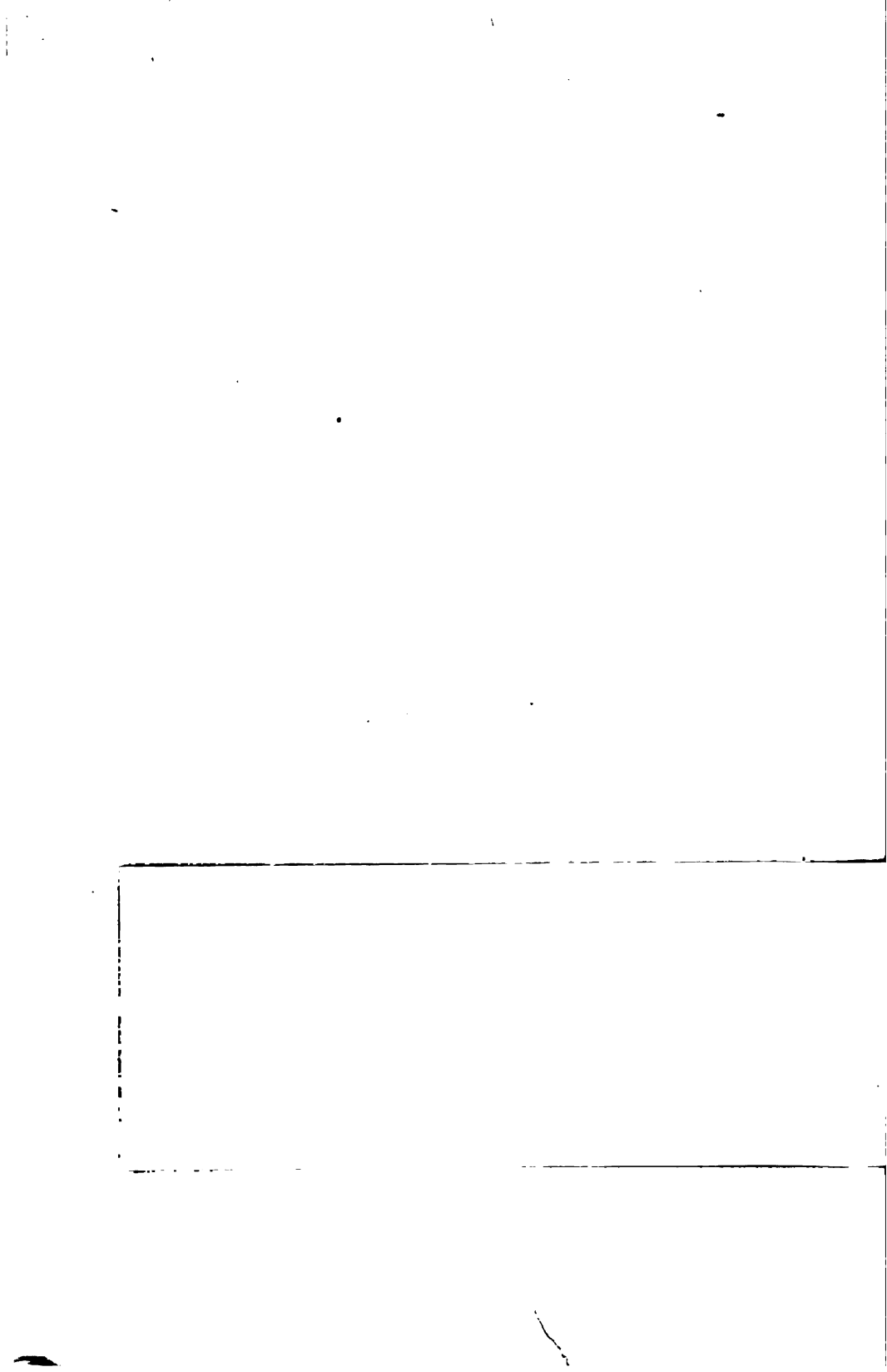
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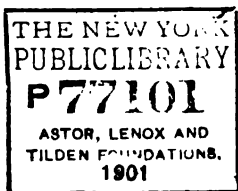
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THE LIBRARY AND READING-ROOMS

OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK.

The lower reading-room is for the use of *all persons* seventeen years of age, or older, who observe the common rules of good behavior.

Newspapers, popular journals, mechanical, manufacturing and building periodicals may be found in places prepared for them. These may be examined freely and should be returned to their places in good order.

There is practically no restriction of age in the use of the upper reading-room, decorum and the observance of the proprieties of such a place only being required. Minors of thirteen or more years of age, properly recommended by parents or others who will be responsible for them, may have cards and the full use of the Library.

It is desired to emphasize the fact that persons looking for special information not readily found, will, on application, be gladly assisted to books by the Librarian, or may have for limited periods, *special facilities* in the use of the resources of the library.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1891-92.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The large increase during the year in the number of volumes added to the library, and the improvement in their condition, appearance and usefulness is due, not so much to any unusual effort on the part of the Trustees and Librarian as to the generosity of the town. This has been accepted by the Trustees as an evidence of the deep interest taken by the citizens in its welfare, and of their readiness to contribute liberally in response to any suggestion conducive to its improvement or making it in a higher degree available for the public benefit.

In addition to the advantages derived from the increase of appropriation, we have been particularly fortunate during the past year in accessions of income from other sources, as will appear in the Librarian's Report. Besides accomplishing the specific object intended, we have been enabled to add a larger number of new works than has been done in any one year since 1876, and to put in good condition nearly all books worth retaining, many of which were fast falling to pieces, and, consequently, withdrawn from circulation, to replace many missing volumes, and to complete unfinished sets of the more important reviews and magazines. Of course, much money might yet be expended to advantage in carrying on the improvement to be derived from the binding of a greater number of periodicals, and thus putting them into circulation; and, undoubtedly, many books deserve better bindings than they now have, but, considering the liberality of last year's appropriation, and having used it as judiciously as possible, we can safely report that, in general, the books of the library are in good condition and that, for the present, we do not care to ask for any special appropriation for that purpose. We, therefore, suggest that the same regular appropriation as last year, i. e., \$3,000 and the dog tax, be made.

There are many improvements, which, while not absolutely essential, are desirable, and which would be conducive to the more comfortable management and use of the library. A rearrangement of the stack-room might be made, and, indeed, will soon become a necessity. To economize space and give opportunity for the better storage of the rapidly increasing number of volumes will require new cases and shelving; those in present use, however, may be retained some time longer. The demand for this change will of itself naturally grow out of the desirability of a classification of the library upon modern and improved methods. However, having decided that this is not immediately essential, and believing that the great amount of study devoted to this subject by leading librarians may develop even better systems than are now being adopted, we have decided to postpone the matter for the present, trusting to the willingness of the town, or the generosity of some public-spirited individual that it may be done in the very best manner when the proper time shall come.

The substitution of electric for gas lighting is greatly to be desired, and has been discussed for some time by the Trustees. The cost of introduction, ready for use, would not exceed \$450. It is hardly necessary to enter into an argument as to the advisability of this change. Librarians and those much experienced in such matters will testify to the fact of the serious injury to bindings occasioned by the use of gas. The present method of lighting is insufficient and trying to the eyes. Add to this the benefit to be derived from purer air and better ventilation, and it will be evident that the advantages to be gained will abundantly repay the expense.

The question of opening the reading room for a few hours on Sunday has been often discussed by various Boards of Trustees; and has been presented to the town for its action in previous years. The Trustees, in view of a difference of opinion on the subject, do not care to make any special recommendation as to its advisability; but simply make the suggestion that it may be

discussed, if thought best, in the town meeting. The Librarian has volunteered his services in case the Town should authorize the Trustees to make the experiment.

In our last annual report occasion was taken to refer with grateful feeling to some of those men who have been prominently identified with the Library, giving it their best thought and much of their time and leisure. Conspicuous among them was the late Dr. Alfred Hosmer who died in April last. The Town in its various departments, as well as the Trustees of the Library, has paid appropriate honors to his memory, testifying to his invaluable services and noble character. This testimony has been recorded, on our part, upon the Records of the Library; and nothing need be added except to express the hope that the Town in the selection of those who may be charged with the conduct of the affairs and safe-keeping of the Library, may be fortunate enough to choose men who will be as careful and unselfish in their devotion to its interests as he was.

The Trustees take the opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the diligence and faithfulness of the Librarian and his assistants, and their excellent conduct of the Library work during the past year.

CHARLES BRIGHAM, *Chairman.*

***Statement of Amount Received and Expended by the
Trustees for the Year 1891-92.***

Received from town appropriations,	\$3,000 00
“ “ “ for binding,	500 00
“ “ “ dog tax,	628 64
“ “ “ sale of catalogues, fines, etc.,	143 78
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	\$4,272 42
Paid for books, \$857.87; binding, \$528.65, \$1,386 52	
“ “ periodicals, \$173.10; postage and postoffice box, \$13.50,	186 60
“ “ stationery, \$6.80; repairs, painting and supplies, \$72.23,	79 03
“ “ printing, \$46.50; express, \$22.35; messenger, \$1.60,	70 45
“ “ fuel, \$174.00; gas, \$326.54,	500 54
“ “ care of building and grounds,	286 06
“ “ extra labor covering books,	59 30
“ “ labor on card catalogue,	320 39
“ “ salaries,	1,379 19
Returned to the town,	4 34 \$4,272 42

Statement of the Condition of the Asa Pratt Fund.

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees,	\$5,000 00
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on deposit in the Watertown Sav- ings Bank, Feb. 2, 1891,	394 77
Received interest on bonds to Dec. 1891,	250 00
“ “ “ deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	17 17 \$661 94
Paid S. F. Whitney, Libr'n, for periodicals,	\$125 00
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1892,	536 94 \$661 94

H. W. OTIS,

Treasurer of Trustees of Asa Pratt Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

XXIV.

To the Trustees:—

Article ninth of the revised rules and regulations says: "The Librarian shall prepare an annual report, and place the same in the hands of the Chairman at the regular meeting in February." In accordance with this requirement, I offer the following report,—the twenty-fourth I have had the honor to thus submit,—of the condition of the property put under my charge, with some considerations concerning the use and improvement of the same.

CIRCULATION.

In common with many other libraries the number of books given out for the past year is slightly less than for either of the immediately preceding years. It is not supposed elsewhere or here that this shows that people are reading less or that the immediate users of this library are finding it less useful for the best work of a library. The reading rooms are more frequented and there is still an increase in the call for books of reference for information. It is suggested that an adequate reason for the falling off, is that the multiplication of cheap copies of stories and the more popular works, enables one to obtain for a very small sum the possession and entire control of personal copies. Be this as it may, the number of the more valuable works called for does and will increase with the education of the mass of the people. By Appendix I. you will readily be able to see the change in the extent of circulation from year to year. By comparing Appendix II. with last year you will see that since June there has been an increase upon last year. To meet the call for the latest information on many subjects of inquiry—

say in regard to other countries, or to the history of our own country, or in regard to men and women of note in all ages, — especially in regard to the condition and progress of the arts of living, of the growth of civilization, and more especially in regard to the application of art and the sciences to the processes of the useful arts and to manufactures, — we should increase our supply of those more expensive works of reference that most private individuals can hardly afford to own, and which therefore should be provided at the common expense.

PERSONAL COÖPERATION VALUABLE.

Would it not be a good idea for any person who can afford it, who needs to see any valuable work he cannot readily find, to buy such work and after the temporary use he has occasion for, present it to the town library where it may be found a great convenience to others? For instance, one becomes interested in the name and fame of the great naturalist Cuvier. He wonders what foundation he laid for the reputation he acquired and what contribution he made to the store of knowledge of the world. He finds magazine articles, articles in encyclopædias in the library, even an abridgment of a work bearing his name, but nothing on which such a reputation could be built. Now seventy-five or a hundred dollars is a large sum to put into a single work for one's self, especially if one is not a specialist in zoölogy. But why not treat one's self occasionally to such a work which would be more inspiring and invigorating than a trip to California or the Isles of the sea, and after such use would be of great use to many others, if put where Emerson suggests one should put such prizes for safe keeping and for further use, — in the town public library. The town library is rich indeed if it is rich in the interest, the personal interest and support of the people who understand and value its privileges. It is not a mere accumulation of books. If it is a center of intelligent interest for the most intelligent and the most interesting people among us, it becomes an inspiration for others. It can be and should be this and more.

LIBRARY MADE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN.

The change from sixteen to thirteen in the age required for admission to the full privileges of the library, and an increase in the number of volumes supposed to be specially adapted to the use of the younger portion, has had the expected effect of increasing the number of children who make use of the library. No one who loves children can be troubled by this increase in the usefulness of the library in this direction. Older people may frequently regret the narrowness of the quarters available for quiet reading, and wonder whether the small area of the reading rooms is made more useful to the town by such use than would be if reserved for the occupation of older people. The experiment is going on, close observation is made, results are not yet matured. None of the older people need to feel as yet any danger of being crowded out. Meanwhile our young friends should remember that something is due to age. Their older friends have rights to quiet and order which they require for their reading. Some respect, too, is due the place. Every boy and girl should put his finger on his lips and reflect in the presence of the great spirits whose thoughts are expressed in the volumes before him. Any building filled with great thoughts is ennobled, consecrated, by great minds; and the thoughtless should pause, reflect, consider, before they speak at all.

NEED OF MORE SHELF ROOM.

The present special need of the library is shelf-room. This may seem surprising to some since it is not ten years since the new building was erected. But when the new building was planned it was thought the book room would contain twenty thousand volumes in the tier of shelves on the floor, and as many more with another tier of shelves above. We have now more than twenty thousand volumes. We need the second tier of shelves. It is becoming more and more difficult to arrange books as they should be arranged by subjects. There are shelves that are not full, there are more that are already crowded.

Any one who stops to think a moment will see that it is not convenient to put all classes of books into any vacancies there may happen to be in any of the shelves. If the history is to be kept by itself, the biography and science by themselves, there must be found room where these are already located or to which all the books of these classes may be moved.

Temporary relief might be found in crowding shelves into the Trustees-room already altogether too restricted in area, and in moving the public documents, or some other large class of books to that room. Another storage-room might be made in the basement beyond the Trustees-room. But the time even then must soon come when a still larger shelving capacity will have to be provided. Would it not be far better to ask the town for an appropriation *now* to increase *at once* the shelving in the book-room. The capacity of this room can be doubled by building another tier of shelves above those now standing on the floor, and making a balcony around the room to give access to the shelves, or perhaps better by lifting up the present shelving and building a set of shelves beneath them. Or some other better method may exist of providing needed shelving. The town is fortunate in having in your board one who is perfectly familiar with all the details of such work, one who is providing for such needs in the State Library and in other libraries, and who will know how best to secure the desired result. I would only press upon your attention what seems to me from my knowledge of the wants of the library the importance of moving at once in this matter. The town has never refused to grant any money which the trustees have thought it wise to ask for. The amount of shelving provided at the outset when we had the means for only four or five thousand volumes was adequate. The library is now four or five times as large as we had any reason to expect it would be necessary to provide for at that time. The capacity of the shelving might be doubled with great advantage to the orderly arrangement of the books, and with economy, when we think of the growth of the immediate future. This

increase in the shelving capacity of the library would make practicable an improved arrangement of the books, a system begun at the beginning in the rough, only carried out as far as separation into separate alcoves of the greater classes of books. We would now begin a more thorough classification, such as is required in a larger library when the classes become so large that division into smaller classes is more convenient in use.

This matter has been suggested to you before, and I hope you will be encouraged by the town to undertake it, and so furnished with the means to begin the improvement immediately.

A business man would not hesitate long if he required this additional shelving in his store, for in that case it would mean an increase of business, or failing to provide it, he would soon see the effect in disorder and loss of business. The town will understand the need and will furnish you the means if you show them as you can easily do the desirability and the necessity of the change and the wisdom of the necessary expenditure. You can tell better than I how much this would cost. I think perhaps a thousand dollars would be required, say fifteen hundred for doubling the shelving and introducing a system of electric lighting throughout the upper and lower portions of the building.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

I say nothing of the desirability of electric lighting, for while I can see great advantage to the books themselves from freedom from escaping gas,—fewer bindings crumbling from the decomposing effects of injurious gasses,—and greater uniformity of temperature, especially freedom from heated air in summer, you and the general public perfectly understand the whole matter, and you know whether you can spare the money which this change in the mode of lighting would cost better than you can spare the eyesight of your families and your children. It is not necessary to show you bindings crumbling now after only a few years use, or remind you of vitiated air from sixty or eighty gas burners, or to remind you that the amount of money required to make the change to electric

lighting would be but little over a cent for each volume sent out or used within the building for a single year.

I desire to make this report short, and therefore speak only of a few of the things pressing upon the attention of one familiar with the working of the library.

We must accept the *criterion of usefulness* in determining the value of anything proposed to be purchased or procured for the library. An improvement in classification of books upon the shelves would enable one to serve the people asking for information on any subject with more speed and fullness. For the books on any subject would be placed together and marked so that they could be readily found and easily returned to their places.

BINDING AND COMPLETING SETS OF BOOKS.

You have added 218 volumes to the library by binding 3,906 papers and pamphlets, besides rebinding some volumes which were being injured by being kept without the protection of proper covers. They are now accessible and in condition for preservation.

You have completed several sets of periodicals, volumes of which are constantly called for. After many years of fruitless attempts to complete our sets of the Edinburgh Review, Littell's Living Age, Good Words, the Quarterly Review, and some other periodicals made valuable by Poole's Index and its supplements issued from year to year, you have ended the difficulty as far as these sets are concerned by completing them. I hope you will be able to go on with this work and complete several other sets of periodicals the present year, of which we have already considerable portions.

I hope the town will repeat the special appropriation for binding made last year. If all could see how much has been added to the value of our library, especially to the value of the periodical collection, they would not hesitate to continue the work. Some of the periodicals purchased or bound during the past few years have increased greatly in *commercial value*. The price of such is rapidly advancing, as the many new libraries throughout the

country are trying to obtain possession of such, especially of all indexed in "Poole" and its continuations. I have repeatedly pressed upon your consideration the importance of these and other works of reference. We are not alone in this. I have hoped that some child of this town whom Fortune has favored with a competence might be glad to do himself honor and the town a grateful service in this direction. The trustees of the Cambridge Library say in their recent report: "The more prominent gaps,"—especially in books of reference and periodicals in sets,—"have been filled, although much remains to be done. It is hoped that some fortunate donation or bequest may yet afford the means of going farther in such ways than has yet been the case."

"This is especially true in the direction of periodical literature. The modern tendency is to concentrate more and more the results of knowledge within the leaves of periodicals and even of newspapers; and while these are more and more difficult to obtain in complete sets, and more cumbrous to handle, by reason of numbers, they are absolutely necessary to the careful study of every subject. They are, moreover, quite beyond the reach of private individuals, while a single complete set of the *North American Review*, for instance, or the *Edinburgh Review*, or *Littell's Living Age**, if placed in a public library, will commonly answer the needs of a whole community. For this reason, the library has welcomed even imperfect sets of periodicals and has often completed its series by piecing together such chance donations."

In this connection may I ask, through you, of the citizens of the town, if any one has the first fourteen volumes of *Harper's Weekly*, or any of them. We have by donation and other ways obtained, and, as you know, have had bound nearly all the later volumes, about twenty in number. Many, especially those published during the war, are now hard to get, and for their running account of the events of the war, are, especially for their illustrations, invaluable to the student of history. Some one may be able to do the town a good service by giving or even selling these volumes to the library. So some one may possibly

* You have, as before mentioned, just completed these very sets, besides a few others.

help the library to get a copy of the volumes of the *New England Historic Genealogical Register* from vols. 16 to 20, and 22 to 24, thus completing this invaluable set.

May I repeat what the first chairman of your Board of Trustees so well and so effectively said, and what has been said many time since, that *any books and pamphlets which anyone is disposed to give will be gladly received by the library*. If word is left at the library, such will be sent for. I can truly say, as I have repeatedly found it demonstrated, that periodicals and pamphlets and old books, are sometimes worth, even when they are duplicates of those in the library, ten times as much as any one would be likely to get for them. They are valuable *for exchange* and so help to fill gaps.

CARD CATALOGUE.

The card catalogue on which we have been at work for over a year, is already finished beyond the supplements, of which you now print the tenth. The work of consolidating the entire catalogue under one alphabet in the form of a dictionary of subjects, titles, and authors is well begun. We hope with some help to finish this during the present year. People will find, if they will take the trouble to use it in the library, this card catalogue a great convenience. It is used more and more. But we are all creatures of habit. Students or others looking up the various works on a given subject, or the various works produced by a given author, will find a corresponding gain in the use of the card catalogue. Notwithstanding our prejudice in favor of the printed catalogue, the card catalogue is the ideal catalogue. Each new book may be entered at once. Each title can be dropped in a moment into its proper place. An addition to a printed catalogue,—there must be additions made while it is going through the press, and while it is at the binders,—and while you are looking at it,—an addition to a printed catalogue involves a new supplement arranged under a new alphabet.

You will excuse this discussion of the subject of the card cata-

logue, while you are doing all that you or any board of trustees can do to make the best. But you or I cannot make people use this and get the benefit of it; we can try to show the advantages which will surely come to them from continued use. We must do what we can to show the inexperienced how to use it. Its full use involves the formation of new habits, and new habits require time. Our library is not peculiar in this respect.

PRINTED CATALOGUES.

Both of our local papers print without expense to the library, bulletins of the additions of new books. Such bulletins would be printed each week if we could have the books added regularly. These are of constant interest and use. The publishers find that the people appreciate these lists and so buy their papers. The library finds that the books so advertised are more promptly and more frequently called for.

The yearly lists show in a more permanent form what additions have been made during the year. The present list is the tenth (10th) supplement to the catalogue. If it is desirable to have in the homes of the town a printed catalogue for use, is it not time to put together with these ten different lists the list of books you will add the coming year, under one alphabet? We shall have in time the whole catalogue under one alphabet in our *card catalogue*; if a printed catalogue is wanted, we must print again, and this consolidation of the eleven supplements might properly form a second volume of the printed catalogue. It is a question of convenience or inconvenience, perhaps use or neglect to use, which must be weighed with the necessary expense of printing.

ASA PRATT FUND.

The tables of the lower reading-room have been furnished from the income of the Asa Pratt Fund, as for the past three years. Less than half of the income has so far been spent. After next summer you will be able from the increased income, in compliance with the terms of the grant, to appropriate an additional

twenty-five dollars (\$25) each year to this purpose. The amount expended should have been one hundred and fifty dollars by the terms fixed by the founders of the trust, it may be one hundred and seventy-five dollars each year for five years more, when it may be increased to two hundred dollars each year for the following five years. I suggest that a part of this might be devoted, perhaps, to the binding and preserving some of the periodicals paid for by the same fund, that else must go to waste. Some part of it might be used,—in accordance with the suggestion of the late Mr. Charles Pratt,—in the purchase of earlier volumes of sets of periodicals already begun.

While there is a pleasant increase in the number of people using the room, the number has never been as great as one would suppose from the value or the interest of the periodicals provided.

The present year an increase in the number of daily papers has been made, especially of Boston papers.

OTHER BENEFACTIONS.

Mr. Charles A. Stearns of East Watertown, has continued his constant gifts of valuable and interesting electrical and mechanical journals. The applications of electrical energy to the varied uses of modern life probably differentiate this from former ages more than any other one thing, and the possible applications of electricity to the uses of life, exist as yet chiefly in the minds or the waking dreams of a few enthusiasts. What the value of electrical power may be to the world one may conjecture from constant reading of these advanced publications.

We have received a large number of the best periodicals for the regular use of our tables by the gift of the Magazine Club. They believe in giving others the benefit of the use of periodicals which they prize and pay for themselves. This is the spirit that will hasten the good time coming.

We have received gifts of valuable books and periodicals from many people. Appendix III. gives the names of all donors with the number of their gifts. Appendix IV. gives, in alphabetical order, lists of periodicals furnished to the tables of the Reading-

rooms, both from the regular appropriations and from gifts; among the latter are lists of those given by Mr. Barker, Mr. Stearns, and others from the income of the Pratt Fund.

A larger number of books has been covered this year than formerly. All the fiction and the juveniles have been kept so covered. This means sometimes a fresh cover for each time a book goes out. A clean cover on a book is itself a missionary in a dirty house. We cannot find fault with dirty people who do not know how unhealthy for the body and the mind dirt may be. We can only try to bring cleanliness, which is next to godliness, into contact with the opposite in the hope that the contrast will lead to a desire for the better. Then this trouble and increased expense is called for by the safety and good taste of those readers who are already cleanly. Ordinary sanitary considerations favor clean paper covers, although we must confess that the covered books lose something of their individuality and effectiveness.

This increase in the number of books covered with bright clean covers, has called for an increase in the quantity of paper used, which the Hollingsworth & Whitney Company have with their long continued generosity cheerfully furnished. Not only have they furnished more paper, but they send over and put it on rollers for our ready use, and they also give us all the best paste we need to fasten the covers, and renew it as often as we will send for it.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

The service of my assistants has been during the year, in the main, hearty and faithful. The strain put upon them by the work of cataloguing, the preparation and arrangement of the large number of periodicals for binding, added to the care requisite in recording the reception and in keeping in order the files of periodicals upon the tables and on the shelves, as well as the work of getting a large number of miscellaneous pamphlets into condition for use, has, perhaps, sometimes crowded them for time to answer fully the calls of frequenters of the library. The public has been patient and good natured. It is hoped to make

this personal service to those coming for books and for special information better in the future. Anyone employed in the library is instructed to drop anything else and give at once any help asked for. We desire to have it known that we regard it as our highest duty and our greatest pleasure at any time to bring the library to the service and the assistance of any person who seeks for information.

THE LIBRARY IN THE LINE OF TOWN IMPROVEMENT.

While my attention has been given during the last few years almost exclusively to the library, — its needs, its administration, and its usefulness, — I am not forgetful of the large calls upon the resources of the town for the proper advancement of its other interests. I know full well the need of better drainage, of the system of sewers which the town is now putting in, and of the large expenditure that must be made to put the streets into even as good order as before. We are no longer satisfied with oil lamps in our streets, hardly with gas. We pay with pleasure any increase called for, for electric lighting, and it is a positive delight to have the clean and smooth concrete from one end of the town to the other. We set out trees, till by and by our town will become a continuous park. We are conscious of an increase in self-respect which comes from the improved condition of our town. We want none of these good works to be disregarded or neglected. We willingly and voluntarily contribute to support our churches, and our numerous societies for improvement. We shall not neglect our schools or our library. I might claim that the library itself has been no unimportant factor in all this improvement, and that its more universal use will lead to far greater improvement.

CONCLUSION.

You would call me false to my position and my opportunity if I failed to point out to you even thus briefly some of the ways in which your library can be made more useful.

In closing I should say, do nothing that will discourage a growth

in the popular interest in so beneficent an institution. No matter what it costs, provide it with all the books that the needs or the varying tastes of your increasing population demands. Nourish and stimulate by every possible means the wise use of the best books you can buy. Do not hesitate to call for and to vote for the few thousands needed to enlarge this usefulness.

Then improve your rooms and their furniture. Light and ventilate them in the best possible way so that no hindrance shall come from poor light or bad air. Provide shelving ample enough for the most convenient arrangement of books to the end that the people may be most quickly and most fully served. The library is the child of the town. If from vigorous growth its garments get too small for convenient activity, provide larger. Do not think you are too poor to give ample room for the best life.

May the town ever select from her most gifted sons those best fitted to hold the trust placed in your hands. May no considerations of party, or sect, or locality of residence, guide to such choice. And may those thus chosen have the wisdom of the ages and the courage of their convictions in administering this high trust.

We shall pass away, but may the work of this library, including all the good and growing interests centered here, go on forever.

With high consideration for our common work, and an increasing faith in its value and usefulness,

I am most respectfully, your, and the town's servant,

SOLON F. WHITNEY, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX I.

USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	YEARS.									
	1882	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	14,064	14,556	15,056	15,791	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,694
Increase during the year.....	981	491	500	735	796	1,130	788	407	653	1,120
Increase by purchase.....	402	291	297	604	654	613	565	269	363	749
Increase by gift.....	396	158	124	67	105	517	101	230	127	148
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	175	45	79	4	111		112		163	243
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....										62
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates	8	2			74			82		78
Total number of pamphlets in the Library.....	10,268	11,335	11,592	13,094	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376	24,871
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation	810	934	934	960	1,155	1,059	1,041	1,091	1,083	1,094
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund										
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift.....	712	557	538	550	836	1,423	2,539	4,542	3,007	2,216
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	2231	424	1,215	8	1,549		2,149	3,008	4,320	4,536
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.	3,696	3,889	4,114	4,326	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951
Total number of volumes issued.....	29,474	28,274	27,469	30,304	31,998	34,251	37,810	37,435	35,640	34,939
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room				3,215	3,636	3,356	4,706	4,454	4,630	4,240
Number of books covered.....	3,914	2,644	4,647	3,552	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,521	6,200
Money received for catalogues.....	\$7.85	\$11.60	\$13.25	\$5.50	\$5.78	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.65
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.	86.60	88.77	96.91	96.91	110.65	115.12	121.59	113.28	123.68	139.13

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

APPENDIX II.
SHOWING THE CHARACTER OF THE CIRCULATION BY CLASSES DURING EACH
MONTH IN THE YEAR 1891.

	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Whole No.	Of these, used in library.
Cyclopædias,* etc.....	101	37	65	57	41	17	31	13	42	51	84	73	612	1516
Periodicals.*	501	338	350	204	203	162	200	108	264	357	239	246	3,172	439
Juveniles.....	450	507	553	447	739	695	671	566	407	488	496	588	6,597	550
Prose fiction.....	1,455	1,353	1,624	1,452	1,260	1,128	1,162	1,232	1,209	1,241	1,111	1,201	15,428	402
Geog. and travels.....	173	173	214	197	120	78	65	83	86	108	121	154	1,572	140
Art, literature.....	129	138	141	144	83	95	65	72	90	108	131	138	1,337	150
Theology and religion..	48	62	51	84	36	18	92	27	29	38	47	52	485	80
Education.....	85	71	73	64	43	31	32	24	29	54	57	48	621	150
Biography	118	132	135	123	104	73	65	54	55	96	100	82	1,137	80
Poetry	59	78	92	68	70	40	32	25	43	60	69	57	693	113
History	190	151	201	122	79	69	56	81	94	115	134	163	1,455	242
Science	96	101	143	96	88	78	48	66	94	118	126	167	1,221	219
Soc. science, law, etc...	86	76	67	59	45	31	19	23	38	59	61	45	606	119
Total.....	3,419	3,217	3,712	3,081	2,911	2,615	2,475	2,364	2,480	2,893	2,786	3,014	34,939	4,200

* In addition to those in the cases in the reading room, of which no account is kept.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR, 1891.

DONORS.	Pamphlets and Vols. Papers.	
Allen, <i>Capt.</i> , Edward E.....	23	174
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register," and "Unitarian Review".....		65
Ames, John G., Supt. of Docs., U. S. Dept. of Interior, Besides useful exchanges of Public Docs.....		1
Andover Memorial Hall Library.....		1
Arlington Public Library.....		1
Baker, Walter, & Co.....	1	
Baldwin, Edwin D., Publisher, "Newton Graphic".....		52
Barker, Fred. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc.</i>	1	984
Barry, <i>Mrs.</i> C. J., "Unitarian".....		12
Blackstone Public Library.....		1
Blake, Miss Clara S., Westboro.....		1
Boston Dental College.....		1
Bridgewater State Normal School.....		1
Brigham, Charles.....	1	
Brockton Public Library.....		1
Brookline Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn Library.....		1
Brown University, Prov., R. I.....		1
Browne, H. E., ed., "Waltham Daily Tribune".....		170
Cashman, Joseph.....	5	14
Cambridge Public Library.....		2

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Chelsea Public Library.....		2
Chicago, Newberry Library.....		1
Chicago Public Library.....		17
Clarke, Mr. H. W., "Forest and Stream".....		13
Clinton (Mass.) Bigelow Free Public Library.....		1
Columbian Exposition.....		42
Concord (Mass.) Free Public Library.....		1
Coolidge, Austin J.	1	
Dawes, Hon. E. L., <i>Senator</i> , "Official Gazette U. S. Patent Office".....		56
Ditson & Co., "Musical Record".....		12
Ensign, Charles S.....	5	147
Everett Public Library.....		3
Fall River Public Library.....		2
Fewkes, J. Walter.....		2
Fitchburg Public Library.....		2
Friends' Book Store, Phil. Pa.....		1
Frisbie, <i>Dr. J. F.</i> , of Newton.....		1
Funk & Wagnalls, "Voice".....		53
Gleason, Samuel S.....	9	22
Goodwin, Charles, "Wellesley Courant".....		48
Grafton Public Library, Miss Hattie S. Mann, Librarian.		1
Graham. A. J., "Students Journal of Phonography".....		12
Gregg, S. Albert, "American Legion of Honor Journal"		11
Harrington, Miss Edith.....		1
Harvard University.....	1	4
Hawley, H. W., <i>Manager</i> "Denver Daily Times".....		5
Hoar, Hon. Sherman, <i>Besides</i> Congressional Record for 1892.....	1	1
Holden, Mrs. J. A.....	7	
Home Market Club, "Bulletin".....		3
Horsford, <i>Prof. E. N.</i>		1
Howell, Mrs. Samuel.....	5	
Hyde Park Public Library.....		1
Kimball, A. R., Librarian, State Library, N. H.....		7
Lancaster Library.....		1
Lawrence Free Public Library		2
Leominster Public Library.....		1
Lock, S. D., of Hoosick Falls.....		1

Lynn Public Library.....		1
Malden Public Library.....		2
Marlboro Public Library.....		1
Mason, Rev. F. E., "The Seed".....		12.
Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station, "Bulletin".....		6
Mass. Secretary of Commonwealth.....	9	4
Mass. State Board of Health.....	2	
Mass. Library Commission.....		1
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, "Our Dumb Animals".....		14
Mead, Dr. Julian A., "Die Gartenlaube".....		22
Also "The Lancet," and other Medical Journals.....		78
McPherson, Wm. D.....		1
Macurdy, Miss T. E.....	2	6
Melrose Public Library.....		1
Monahan, James, "Watertown Independent".....		21
Muybridge, Eadweard.....		1
Muzzey, Geo. E., of Lexington.....	1	3
Natick, Morse Institute.....		1
New Bedford Free Public Library.....		1
New England Historic Genealogical Society.....		19
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....		1
Newburyport Public Library.....		1
Newton Free Library.....		1
Parker, Henry S.....	2	
Parrish, L. H.....		48
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		2
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....		1
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American Legion of Honor Journal.	Good Words.
American Library Journal.	Harper's Magazine.
American Naturalist.	Harper's Young People.
Andover Review.	Harvard Univ. Library Bulletin.
Appalachia.	Home Maker.
Arena.	Home Market Bulletin.
Art Amateur.	Illustration, Paris.
Athenæum, London.	Lend a Hand.
Atlantic Monthly.	Life (N. Y.)
Bangor Historical Magazine.	Literary News.
Boston Public Library Bulletin.	Literary World.
Century Magazine.	Littell's Living Age.
Chambers's Journal.	Magazine of Art.
Chautauquan.	Magazine of American History.
Christian Register.	Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports.
Contemporary Review.	Musical Record.
Co-operative Index to Periodicals.	Nation, N. Y.
Courant, Wellesley.	N. E. Historical Register.
Decorator and Furnisher.	N. E. Journal of Education,
Dublin Review.	New England Magazine.
Eclectic Magazine.	Newton Graphic.
Edinburgh Review.	Newton Journal.
Education.	Nineteenth Century.
English Illustrated Magazine.	North American Review.
Farm Journal.	Notes and Queries.
Fliegende Blätter.	Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent
Folio.	Office.
Fortnightly Review.	Our Dumb Animals.
Forum.	Outing.
Garden and Forest.	Overland Monthly.
Gartenlaube.	Political Science Quarterly.

Popular Science Monthly.	Tuftonian.
Punch.	Ueber Land und Meer.
Quarterly Review.	Union Signal.
Queen.	Unitarian.
St. Nicholas.	Unitarian Review.
Science.	U. S. Consular Reports.
Scribner's Monthly Magazine.	Voice.
Seed.	Waltham Daily Press.
Specifications and Drawings of Patents from the U. S. Patent Office.	Wide Awake.
Student's Journal of Phonography.	Woman's Journal.
Travellers' Record.	Youth's Companion.

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY MR. FRED. G. BARKER, PUBLISHER.

American Economist,	New York Mail and Express.
Board of Trade Journal, Portland.	Ornithologist and Oologist.
Brighton Item.	Philadelphia Inquirer.
Farm Poultry.	Practical Farmer.
Garden and Forest.	Woburn Journal.
Natick Bulletin.	Watertown Enterprise (2 copies).
New Nation.	

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN MAGAZINE CLUB.

Atlantic Monthly.	New England Magazine.
Century.	North American Review.
Christian Register.	Review of Reviews.
Cosmopolitan.	St. Nicholas.
Graphic (London).	Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Bazaar.	Season, London.
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Life.	

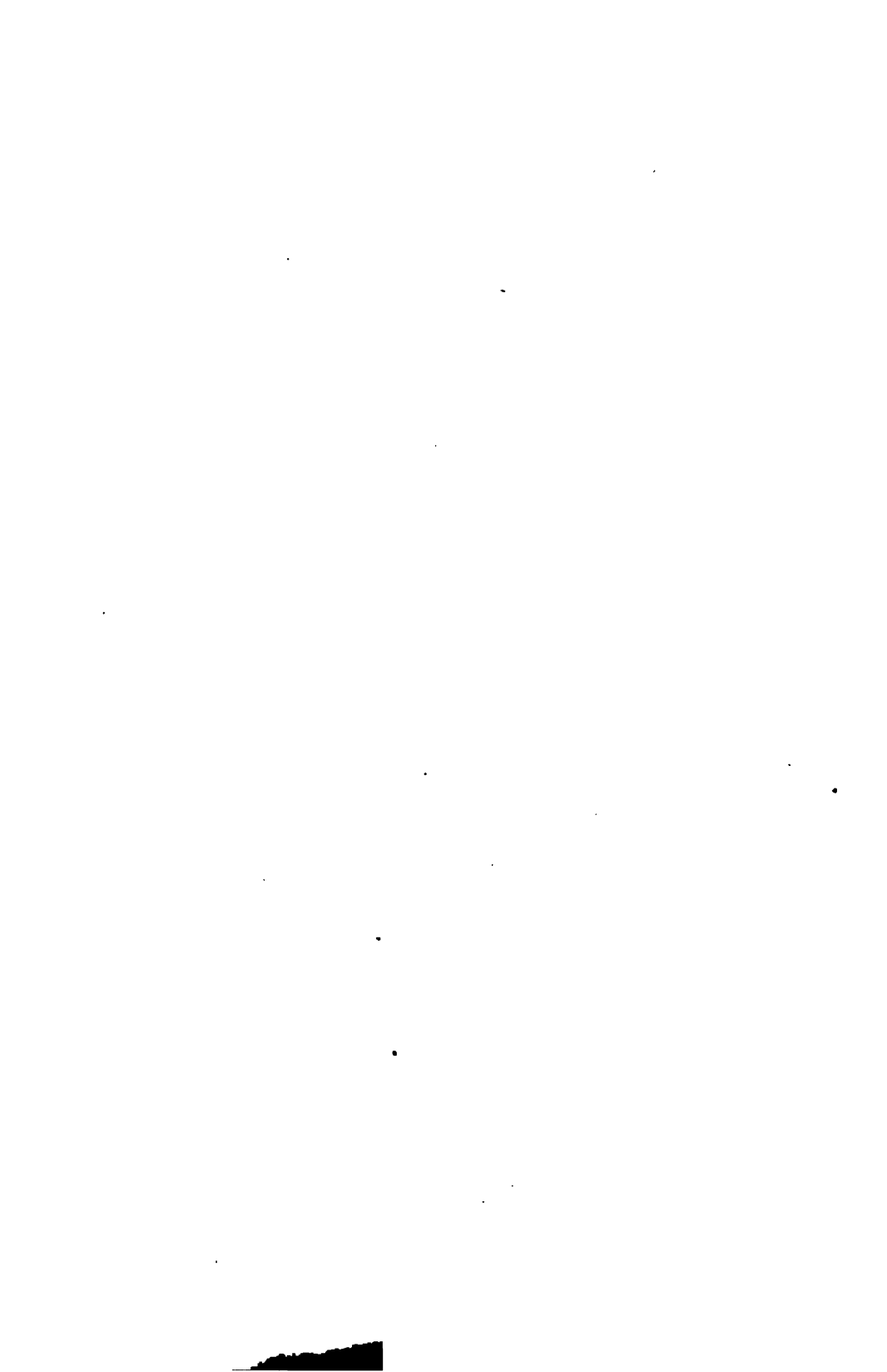
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American Architect.	American Garden.
American Agriculturist.	American Machinist.
American Artisan, Tinner and Furnisher.	American Manufacturer and Iron World.

Boston Globe.
Boston Herald (Evening ed.).
Boston Evening Journal.
Boston Evening Record.
Boston Evening Transcript.
Boston Post.
Cabinet Maker, London.
Carpentry and Building.
Electrical Engineer.
Engineering, London.
Harper's Magazine.
Harper's Weekly.
Illustrated London News.
Illus. Sporting and Dramatic News.
Inland Architect.
Journal of Franklin Institute.

Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.
London Weekly Times.
Manufacturer and Builder.
Massachusetts Ploughman.
Metal Worker.
New York Tribune, Semi-Weekly.
New York Herald, daily, including
the Sunday edition.
Popular Science News.
Poultry World.
Scientific American.
Sci. American, Builder's Edition.
Scientific American Supplement.
Shoppell's Modern Houses.
Textile Manufacturer.



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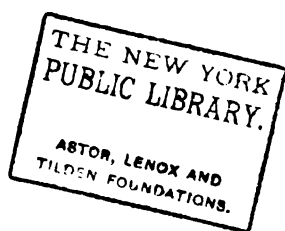
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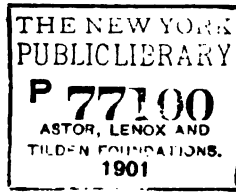
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REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The affairs of the Library in the twenty-five years of its existence have attained a certain maturity and established order, and their conduct has become more or less a matter of routine from which there has been no noteworthy departure during the past twelve months.

Given certain pecuniary means, the amount of which has varied but little in recent years, except when an occasional appropriation has been made for special purposes, it can hardly be expected that we should often have to record any material change in the administration, condition or acquirements of the Library.

The trustees are called upon to supervise critically the work of officials whose merits and those of their assistants are well known. Zealous to promote the well being of the Library, attentive to the wants and demands of its beneficiaries and faithful in the discharge of their various duties, they deserve, as in the past, the expression of our good opinion and the appreciation of the public for services conscientiously performed.

It would hardly be proper to allow the present occasion to pass without calling to mind the faithfulness of the Librarian who now completes a full quarter of a century of continuous service in this position of honor to himself and usefulness to the community.

The building is in good condition generally. A small sum has been spent upon repairs.

The introduction of electricity as a substitute for gas was effected late in the year, and while the system has had but a month's trial under somewhat adverse conditions, we have no doubt but that eventually a marked improvement in the quality of the light will be effected as well as a benefit to ventilation. A contract was made with Mr. Charles Bly of Boston, on satisfactory terms, and the installation is undoubtedly thorough and safe,

having fortunately had constant and most careful, expert supervision by our fellow-townsmen, Mr. Charles F. Stearns, who manifested in this, as he has in so many other ways, in times past, his devotion to the interests of the Library. The benefits to be derived from the adoption of electricity as a method of lighting the Library are obvious, and it is to be hoped that the future expense of this method may not contrast unfavorably with the cost of lighting by gas. As yet there are no reliable data to base a judgment upon, but it may be reasonably expected that under the most favorable conditions the cost of lighting for the next year or so will somewhat exceed that of previous years.

The acquisitions of the Library the past year in respect to books have not been so numerous as we should have liked to record, and for lack of means we have been obliged reluctantly to forego the satisfaction of many a desirable purchase.

For some years past it has been the custom, from which much pleasure as well as valuable experience has been derived, for the trustees to attend personally to the selection and purchase as well as the approval of all books which monthly are put into circulation, and they have constant occasion to regret that so small a portion of the appropriated funds, the greater part of which are necessarily consumed in salaries and the care of the building, are available for this purpose.

Nearly one-half the amount expended for books goes to keeping them in condition, that is to say, to the binding of magazines and to repairs, and even then it is difficult to keep pace with accumulation on the one hand and deterioration on the other, and it has already become desirable, if not imperative, that there should be additional appropriation on the part of the town to be applied specially to the work of binding to properly supplement the work of the past two years, and that it may not be too much restricted for lack of funds in the purchasing of books.

An invitation from the managers of the Educational Department of the World's Fair at Chicago, has been extended to librarians and trustees throughout the country to contribute to the

Columbian exhibit, statistics regarding the history and condition of the libraries in their charge, the buildings and their arrangement and equipment, the system and methods of work in vogue, and such other information as can be given by photographs, plans, drawings, catalogues and documents, besides reports to be made in response to special questions as to the opinions and experience of the librarian concerning all the various departments of library work.

In our case the contribution might be a very simple one, but it should be thorough and should include photographs or perspective drawings of the interior and exterior of the building and the various annual reports of the trustees and librarian from its beginning suitably arranged and properly bound, all of which work we have taken in hand confident that the town with its accustomed liberality will provide sufficient appropriation to cover the expense of preparation. The probable cost of this exhibit would not be less than \$50 or more than \$100.

In view of the various demands and specially the necessity of keeping well in hand the work of binding, we have decided to ask for five hundred dollars (\$500) in addition to the customary appropriation of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and the dog tax.

It will be noted that the accumulation of interest and surplus of the Pratt fund on deposit in the savings bank as shown by the report of the trustees is considerably in advance of what was anticipated to have accrued at the expiration of the first five years' investment.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BRIGHAM,

Chairman.

**Statement of Amount Received and Expended by the
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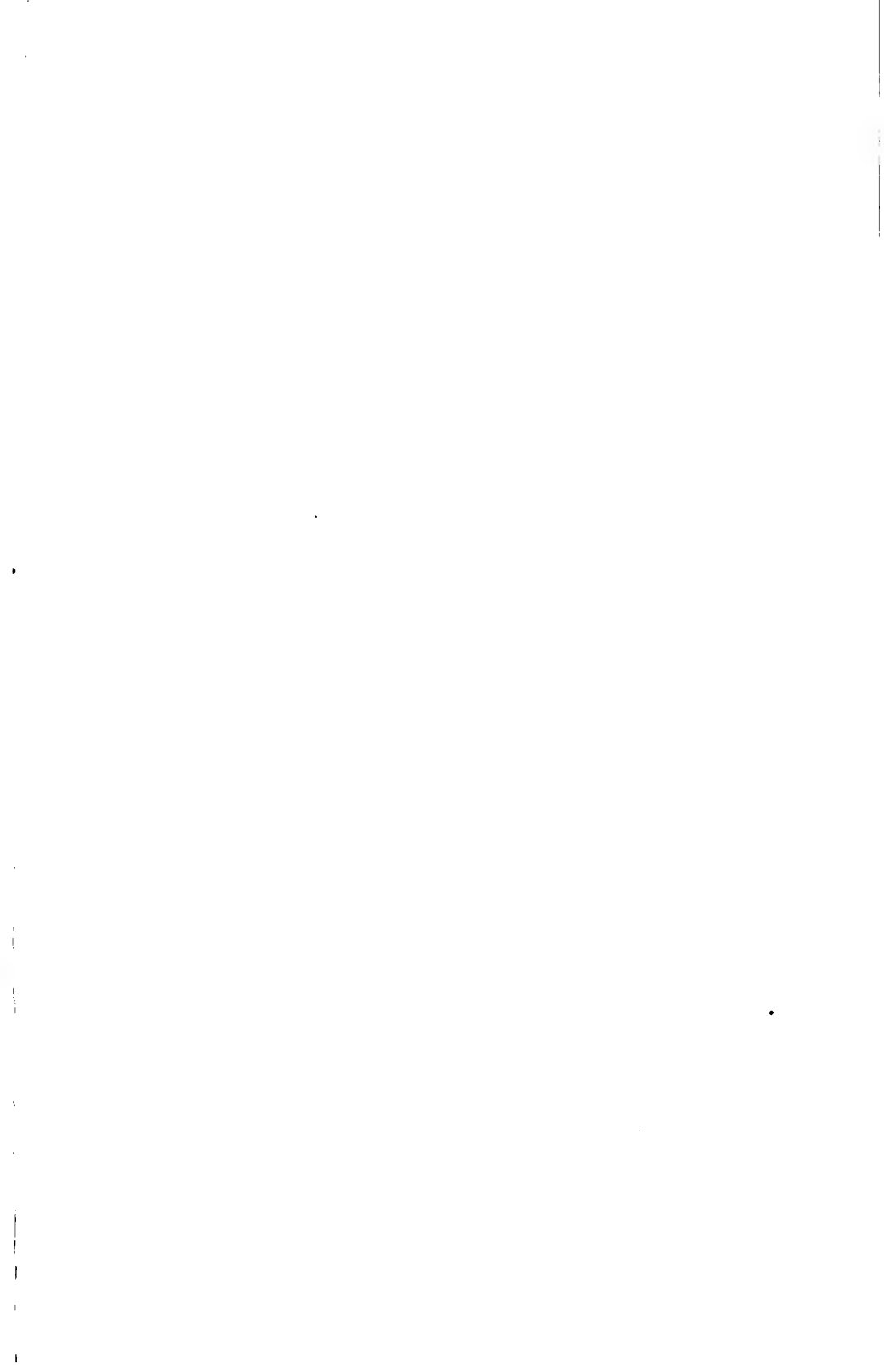
Received from town appropriations,	\$3,000 00
" " " for electric lighting,	450 00
" " " dog tax,	644 26
" " " sale of catalogues, fines, etc.,	138 94
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Paid for books, \$424.15 ; binding, \$393.71, \$817 86	
" " periodicals, \$104.64 ; postage, \$15.37,	120 01
" " stationery, \$4.14 ; supplies, \$15.82,	19 96
" " repairs, \$82.72 ; shelving, \$56.27,	138 99
" " printing, \$6.50 ; express, \$18.47,	24 97
" " fuel, \$156.25 ; gas, \$291.20 ; electrici- ty, \$23.98,	471 43
" " gas fitting and burners, \$9.39 ; chan- deliers, \$60.00 ; electric lamps, \$19.50,	88 89
" " wiring and fitting for electric light- ing,	325 10
" " care of lawn, building fires, etc.,	275 43
" " labor on card catalogue,	353 61
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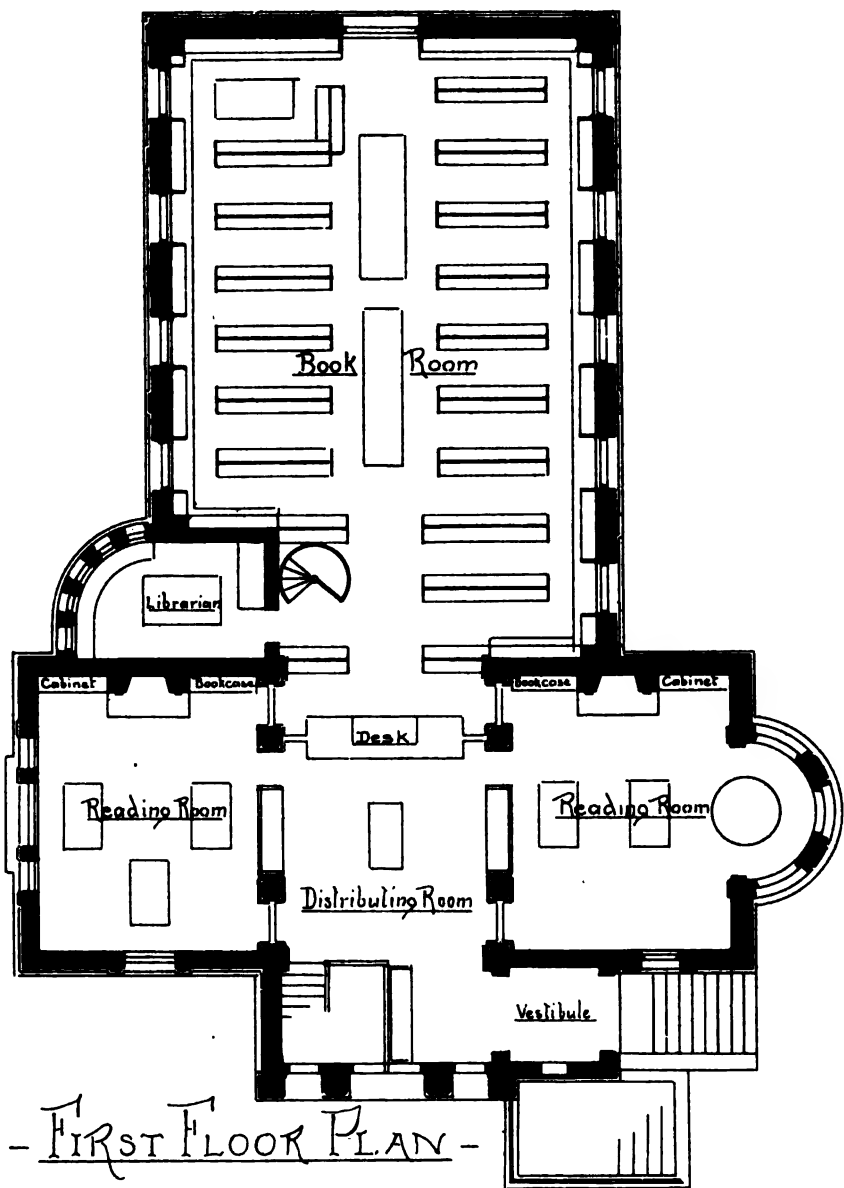
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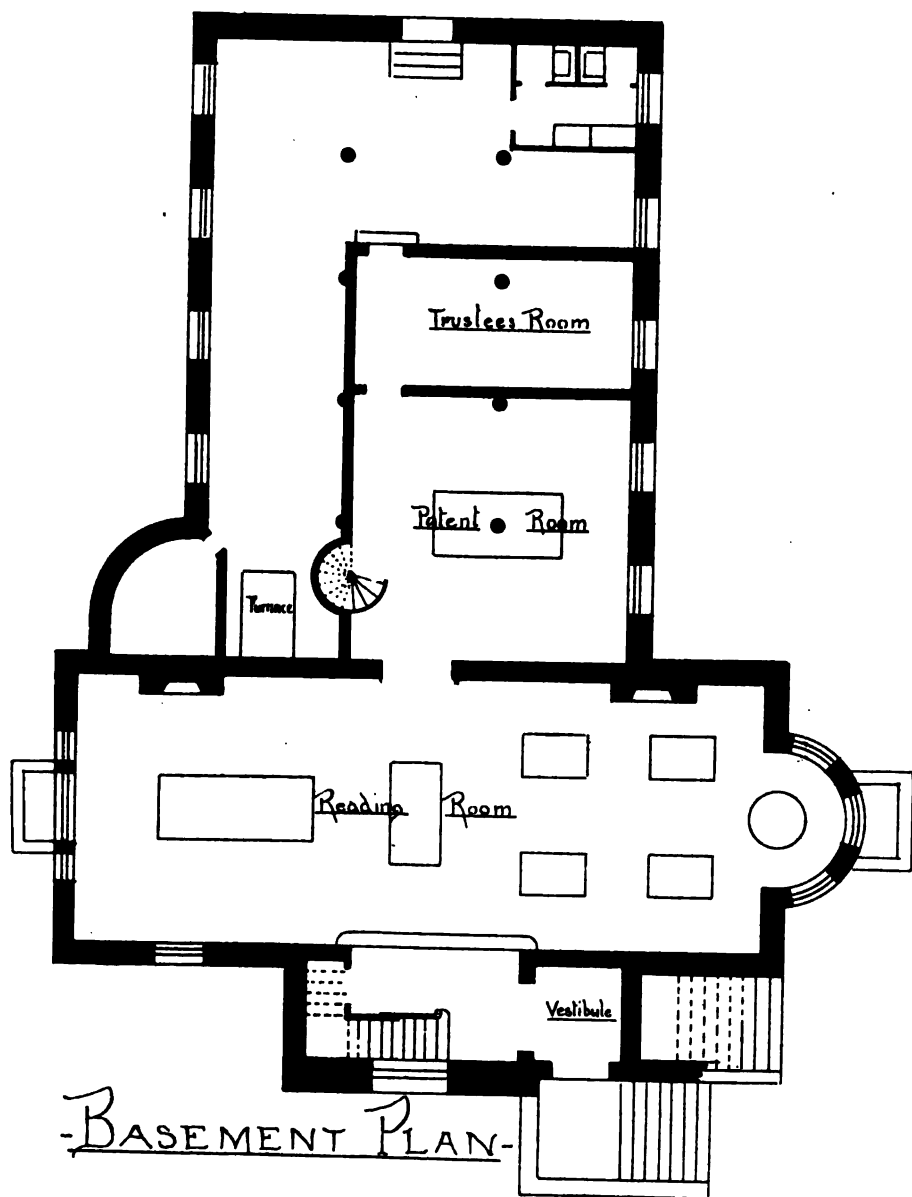
Amount invested, in hands of Trustees,	\$5,000 00
INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.	
Balance on deposit in the Watertown Sav- ings Bank, Feb. 1, 1892,	536 94
Received interest on bonds to Dec. 1892,	250 00
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Paid S. F. Whitney, Lib'r'n for periodicals,	\$150 00
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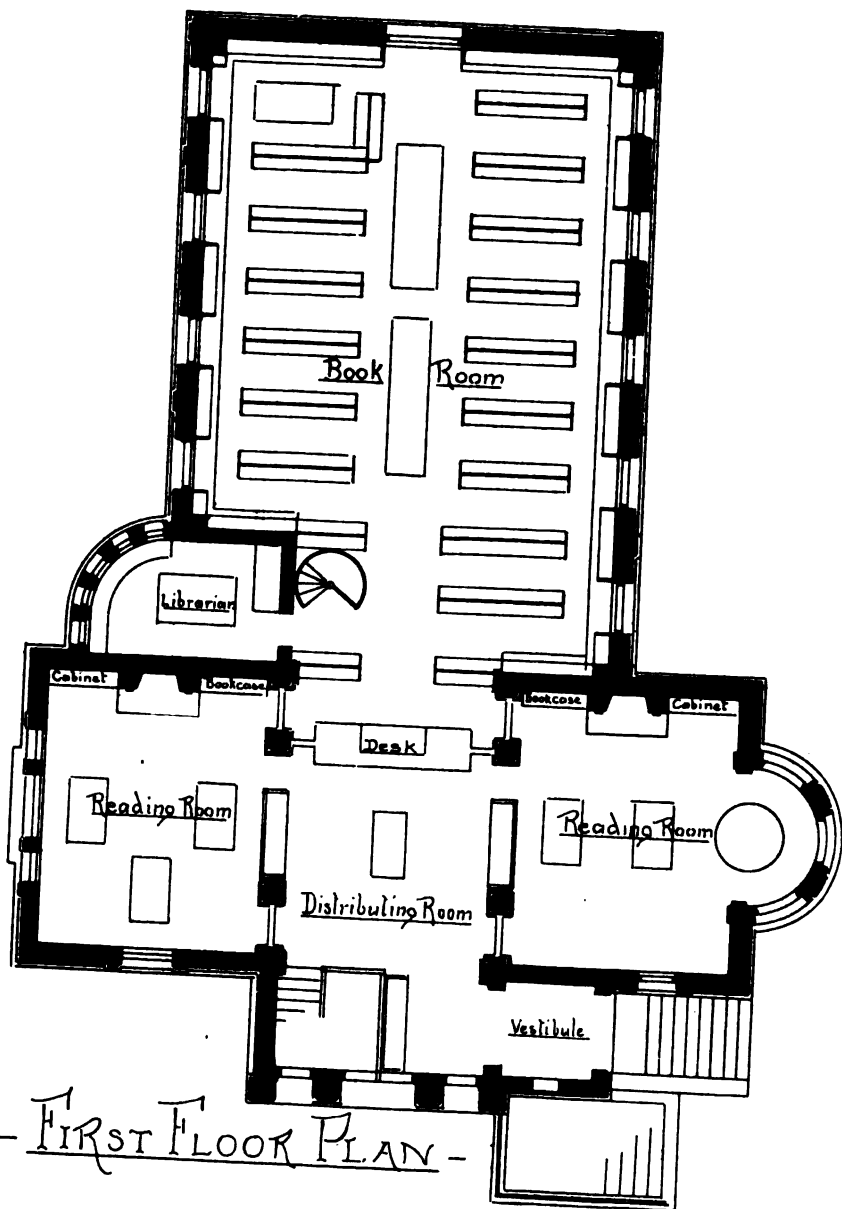
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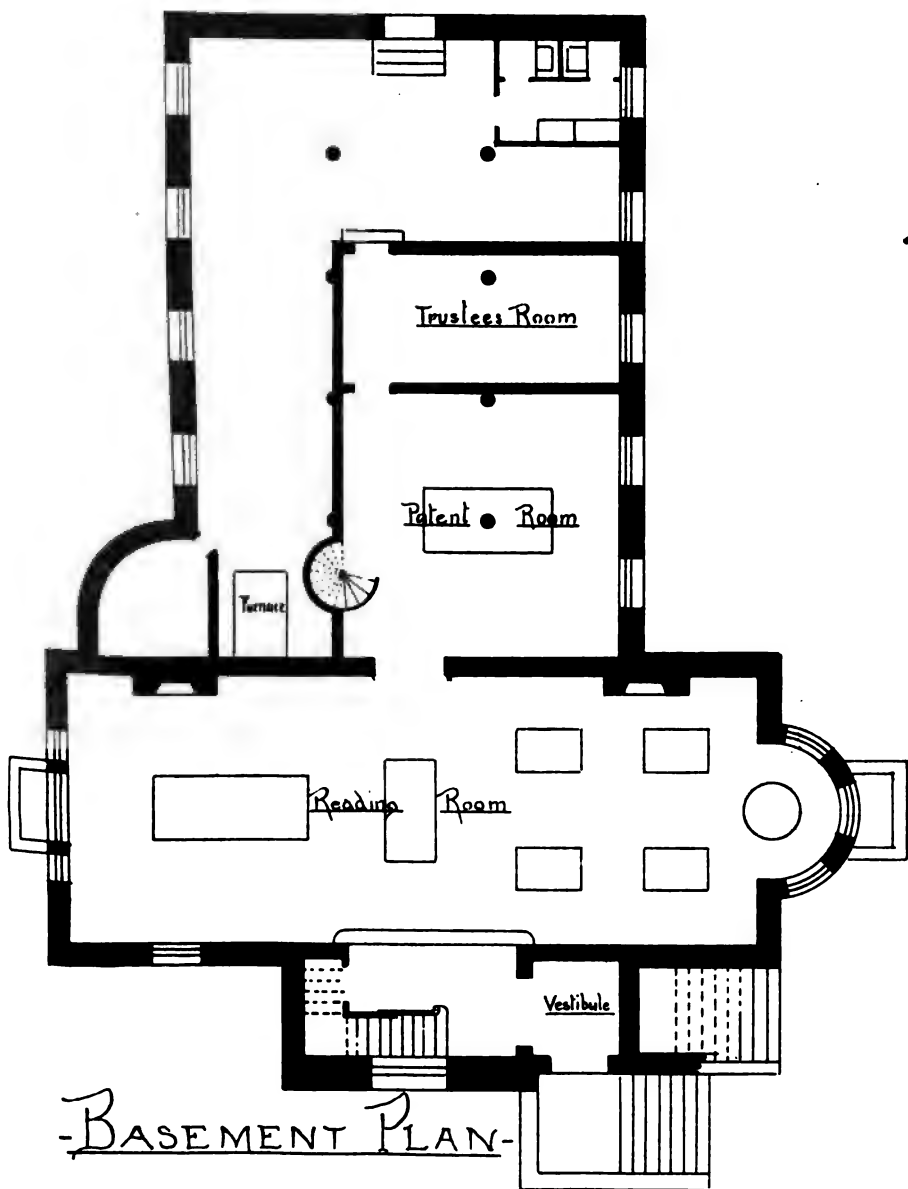








- FIRST FLOOR PLAN -





LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

XXV.

To the Trustees:

GENTLEMEN,—In accordance with a time honored custom, and the requirements of your rules and regulations, I lay before you at this time my annual report, — the *twenty-fifth* I have had the honor to make, of the condition and use of the property placed in my charge.

It might be, at the end of the first quarter of a century, a fitting time to review the past, and in brief statement recount the steps in the origin and progress of our loved library, see how much has thus far been accomplished, that we might gather hope and inspiration for future efforts.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FIRST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

It was on the 28th of January, 1868, after a year or two of determined effort on the part of a few, notably of the School Committee of that time, of which the late Dr. Alfred Hosmer was the chairman, and Rev. John Weiss, Capt. Joseph Crafts, and Dr. David T. Huckins were distinguished members, that a public meeting in the Town hall was called to consider and act upon a proposition that the town accept the gift of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), for a Free Public Library. A committee was appointed to consider and report a plan of organization, and a few months later completed the plan and the library was started.

It may be interesting to go back, and notice what in the previous history of the town had made it possible thus early, before most towns had been aroused to the importance of libraries to kindle enthusiasm in this particular locality.

* The town of Watertown was settled the same year as Boston, and the other oldest towns of the Massachusetts Bay Colony by Sir Richard Saltonstall with Rev. George Phillips for an intellectual and spiritual leader, and the sturdy Deacon Brown for a helper. We are told that Rev. George Phillips was "a prime scholar," mighty in interpretation. His widow gave her son Samuel "Latin, Greek, and Hebrew books now in the house." There is no other record known to the writer of any collection of books in town worthy of mention as a library, till, in 1799, there was formed in the east part of the town a "social library." It was called the Union Social Library of Watertown. The old record-book, still existing, — a precious legacy to the present library, — begins with the following: —

SUBSCRIPTION.

"We the subscribers, being desirous of promoting learning, do hereby agree to form ourselves into a society for that purpose, and, as it will be needful for to have a sum of money for to purchase the books for a library, we hereby do agree to pay per share a sum not exceeding three dollars, said money to be paid at the time the society hold their first meeting, and appoint some person or persons to receive it, or a collector that shall be appointed for the purpose of collecting it; said money to be laid out to purchase such books for our use as the Majority of the society shall agree upon; we also agree that when twenty shares shall be subscribed for, that some five of them (the subscribers) shall apply to a justice of the peace for a warrant to warn the first meeting for to choose all officers and making such by-laws for the governing said Library as shall then be thought needful."

Following this are sixty-three signatures, names of the principal men of the town at that time.

The old record-book contains a list of the books purchased, which of course shows what books were read in this town at the very beginning of this century. This library flourished for several years, meetings were held generally at Bird's tavern that looked down along the front of Mount Auburn. The Coolidges, the Stones, Thomas Bisco, Nathaniel R. Whitney, Joseph Bird, the Livermores appear upon the records. At last in 1842, a warrant was issued for a meeting by Tyler Bigelow, one of the justices, at which a union with the North District library was made. At this meeting a report was received and entered upon the records.

As this report was prepared with evident care, partly by men who, twenty-six years afterwards, interested themselves in the Free Public Library, and as it recommended an immediate union

* By request, condensed, with a few changes, from the writer's historical sketches in *History of Middlesex County*, published in Philadelphia in 1890.

with the *North District*, thus endorsing the plan of Horace Mann for furnishing the whole state with good reading in the District School Libraries, we think it of importance not only to the history of the library in this place, but as showing the results of both of these steps — the society library and the district school library — in the gradual development of a system of free public libraries, probably nowhere excelled in the world, and now quite generally patterned by England.

We therefore make free extracts from the report, which was signed by Charles Stone, Daniel Learned, Joseph Bird, Jr., Thomas Livermore and Joshua Coolidge, Jr. They report: "That the subject upon mature consideration seems more feasible and likely to produce good results to most of the proprietors and particularly to the district. A large number of the books are valuable, and only want more attention directed to them and also an introduction to a new class of readers to still be permanently useful." They complain that the books are not read; that the neglect of them even seems to increase; give as a reason that not books enough can be bought to keep up the interest; that personal assessments are too apt to be neglected, and the committee deplore the evident result to which all is tending, for several reasons: "First, that this Library, founded by our fathers many years since, should not be destroyed by their children, but continued to our children with increased energy and usefulness. Second, that many of the books could not now be purchased, and which, united with new books, would make a valuable library. Third and more important, that if the library should now be broken up, the taste for reading which is now with us, would lie dormant and perhaps be extinguished, instead of which it needs, by every proper means, encouragement."

The plan of union with the District School Library seems advisable. First, because of the new books added to the library; second, that the "children, as they are plodding through the dull routine of education," — it must have been a dull routine before the days of Horace Mann, — "will be forming a taste for correct reading, which cannot fail to increase their usefulness in society; and still another reason is that parents also will be able to increase in useful knowledge and thus be better prepared to educate their children. This is no new idea. Many 'districts' in our state already have libraries, one even in our own town. Of so much importance was it deemed by our legislature, that it was proposed to form one in every 'district' in the state, and it is probable, but for the pecuniary difficulties of the times, it would have been done." The report goes on to say that the Board of Education have begun to prepare a number of books to be sold as cheap

as possible to encourage their adoption. Indeed it would seem that there should be no objection to a plan of this kind if properly managed, and they would hope that every one will see the importance of either aiding the present plan or proposing a better one. They recommend a union with the North District, the library to be called "The North District Union School Library." Minute and wise conditions are appended which were substantially adopted.

The remnant of this North District Union Social Library, after thirty-six years more of partial usefulness and natural neglect, came, in 1875, by the hand of Joseph Bird, together with the old and precious record-book, as a gift to the town, to the care of the Free Public Library, the natural successor to such and all other institutions for the education of the people through books.

CIRCULATING LIBRARIES. — There were in town about this time and during the years immediately following several circulating libraries. These libraries were well cared for by their owners, and books were loaned for a small fee; but in the course of time these failed to supply books enough, mainly such as were most in demand, not always of the highest literary merit. In some cases, however, these books have given an impulse to study, and have laid the foundation of learning. Such a library was kept by Mrs. Curtis, on the bridge, where her two boys, Benjamin Robbins Curtis and George Ticknor Curtis, laid the foundation for their love of books for which the world has since been richer. We cannot stop longer on this part of the history which is treated more fully in the sketches from which this is abridged.

The DISTRICT SCHOOL LIBRARIES planted by Horace Mann in almost every town in the state, have left the evidence of their existence in several districts of this town. A few of the books scattered among the families have come into the Public Library. There are less than a dozen of them from all sources. It were an ungracious task to show why such collections of the wisdom of the ages should have so short a life and be dissipated so soon. The very conditions under which they were located, without permanent responsible care, being in charge of the teacher, who was changed each term, made their usefulness, as collections, of very short duration. Then, we believe, there were some grave difficulties of choice of books among the state authorities; and the conflicting interests of publishers were, in this state, however they may have been managed in other states, very near insuperable.

They gave many a youth, however, a taste which helped in mature life to develop that larger knowledge of books which demands for all, the more permanent public library.

BOOK CLUBS.—Since 1843, soon after Mr. Weiss came to town, there has been a very flourishing *book club*, who pass their books and periodicals from one to another in some prearranged order. More recently other book and magazine clubs have been formed.

Dr. Francis says, in his historical sketch of Watertown: "In 1829 a Lyceum was established. Connected with the lyceum is a scientific and miscellaneous library; there are two libraries besides this—one a Religious Library, the other a Juvenile Library." The First Parish Library was given in 1870 to the Public Library by the First Parish. This gift was an accession of over three hundred volumes, "rich in works of scholarly and devout thinkers," a careful list of which was prepared at the time by the late Mrs. Francis Kendall.

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The Free Public Library of Watertown was first opened to the public on the 31st of March, 1869, with 2250 volumes on the shelves, and \$3000 in cash and subscriptions to be expended for books.

When the first catalogue was published, in March, 1870, the original subscription of \$6000 having been expended and several considerably large contributions of books having been included, there were five thousand (5401) volumes, and nearly two thousand (1956) pamphlets and papers. When the second catalogue was published, in 1881, there were over twelve thousand (12,447) volumes, and nearly twelve thousand (11,830) pamphlets and papers. At present, in 1893, there are about twenty-one thousand five hundred (21,472) volumes and over twenty-five thousand (27,392) pamphlets and papers. The library is located in a handsome building which, with improvements introduced since its erection, has cost, with the lot on which it stands, about \$45,000.

The town has not in these twenty-five years failed to do its part in preserving, in maintaining, in enlarging, and in making useful this noble trust.

The history of the formation and growth of this library is creditable to the public spirit of the town. It was not, as we have seen, the first attempt in town to make a collection of books for public use; it was the first attempt, as far as we know, to make a collection *for the use of the entire town without expense to any reader.*

The history of this library, perhaps not unlike the history of the public library in many another town, is full of interest. It is creditable to the energy and zealous self-denial of many of its citizens. What they did others can do, so that no town or community, following their example, need be without some kind of a public library.

In the movement for a public library in this town, it was accepted as a fundamental principle that people would pay for what they considered of real worth. That those who had enjoyed peculiar advantages of education, or who had the necessary leisure for reading and study would naturally know the value of books. That if a certain number could be found who knew the value of a library to themselves, and so by inference to a community, who to their knowledge could add a certain amount of benevolence sufficient to enable them to make a sacrifice of the possession of books that they had themselves enjoyed, or of a portion of the wealth in their possession as of a trust protected in common law for the common good, and could see that by transferring a portion for this specific purpose of a public store of books, they would more certainly do their public duty; if, in a word, an appropriate appeal were made to the better educated and more benevolent members of the community, the foundation of a library would be secured. The appeal was made. The result more than established the correctness of the assumption. At each decided step from that day to this in the direction of greatly increased expense, during the twenty-five years of experimental life of the library, such people have been asked to contribute of their means as an evidence of faith in the value of the things asked for, and then the town has been asked to complete the required amount by an appropriation.

Any community can have a public library if the more intelligent and benevolent will personally from their own means contribute one-half of the cost, and then will assist the rest of the community according to their rates of taxation to bear their share by public appropriation of the other half.

The time will come when towns will vote libraries as they do schools, directly. When the experimental, missionary stage of the work has passed, then supplies for libraries will be voted as for roads, for public lighting, for schools, as a matter of necessity. For they will see that by creating a taste for reading among the children, for instance, who, otherwise growing up in idleness and vice, would form the criminal classes, they will be merely transferring a part of the expense of police courts and jails to other and better forms of restraint. In getting the idle and ignorant into reading-rooms, one helps to the forming of habits that will lead to knowledge and thoughtfulness and desire of personal independence and useful employment, and thus so far do away with the necessity of police machinery. The cost of insurance of the safety of property in a community decreases with the moral elevation. The productive energies of a people are increased by increase of knowledge. The quality of the skill of a community

improves with the improvement of the minds of the workers and with the elevation of their taste and artistic sense. To one who believes that all knowledge, all truth in its vast ramifications, proceeds from and tends to one vast origin and end, and is a part of the great cosmos, there can be no fear as to the final result of opening all the flood-gates of light for the benefit of the seeker after truth.

We have indicated in a general way some of the peculiar conditions in this town favorable for the growth of the public library when once planted. The spirit of independence of thought and action, exemplified in its entire history, from the foundation by Sir Richard Saltonstall and Rev. George Phillips, and the somewhat broad-minded Deacon Brown, like the light of a vestal lamp has never been allowed to be quite extinguished. In looking over the history written by the successive School Committees, one is almost oppressed, it must be confessed, with the fear of the near approach of some fatal extinguisher of policy or parsimony. But it is only that the selfishness perhaps of those who bore the lamp, or their short-sightedness for the time, allowed the flames to burn low. Again and again the flame rekindles. In the report of 1850 we read "thrift, thrift, Horatio," "it would be easy to show that good schools would pay us in good dollars," although the committee, sadly one would think, and with fear, recommend the raising of \$850 for each of the three school districts with their total 500 scholars. Now they cheerfully and confidently ask for \$26,000 for 917 scholars. The committee of 1852, when an additional schoolhouse was imperative, "respectfully suggests the establishment of a High School." In 1856, "If Watertown wishes to grow in numbers and in wealth, let her continue as she is now doing, appropriating liberally for the education of her children."

In 1865, "Mr. Jesse A. Locke proposed a set of prizes for actual improvement in demeanor and scholarship; so that industry, patience and a sense of duty received the stimulus." In 1866, "The committee have determined, by aid of private subscription, to create the nucleus of a High School Library," In 1867, "There has been established a good [High School and Teachers'] library, which contains 276 volumes." "This Teachers' Library is a novelty, and the habit of using it has *not yet* become general among those whom it is intended to benefit." "The pupils have come to depend upon the library."

The very man who as a boy attended the meetings of the Social Union Library Association in his father's tavern, Mr. Joseph Bird, who afterwards was a teacher of music with Horace Mann at West Newton, and at home was a hearty supporter of the

scheme for District School Libraries, the custodian of the Union District Social Library, himself an omnivorous reader, obtained the first contributions for a "Teachers' Library," which were so generous as to inspire the hope that with similar effort extended through the town, a fund of sufficient amount could be obtained to make the establishment of a town library — *a free public library for the whole town* — possible. The lesson was a good one, the hope has been fully realized.

It was "At a meeting of the School Committee called by Dr. Alfred Hosmer, chairman, May 7, 1867, voted to choose Messrs. Alfred Hosmer, John Weiss and Joseph Crafts a committee to consider the subject of a town library, and report at the next meeting." On July 2d it was "Voted, that the secretary transmit to the donors of the books that now compose the High School Library, the thanks of the committee, in behalf of the town, for such a generous contribution to the cause of education in Watertown." "Voted, that the thanks of the School Committee be cordially expressed to Joseph Bird, for his personal interest and effort in securing the valuable books that now compose the High School and Teachers' Library in Watertown."

Within a few weeks after the appointment of the committee named above, namely, on the 3d of June, 1867, the School Committee issued the following invitation:

"The School Committee of this town, convinced of the importance of establishing here a Free Public Library (these last three words were printed in large letters, which extended across the whole page), and wishing to have some plan devised by the citizens, invite you to attend a preliminary meeting, at the vestry of the Unitarian church, on Thursday evening, June 6, at 8 o'clock, to assist in the discussion of the subject. Per order of the committee. D. T. Huckins, Secretary."

The meeting was held, the subject discussed by Rev. John Weiss, Mr. Miles Pratt, Capt. Joseph Crafts, Mr. Joseph Bird, Mr. Jesse A. Locke, Rev. J. M. Bell, all in favor; a plan was adopted, and a committee was chosen to raise funds. Mr. Locke offered to give the \$600 which he had received for his salary as representative of the town to the Legislature of the former year.

The committee chosen were, Dr. Alfred Hosmer, the chairman of the meeting, Rev. John Weiss, Joseph Bird, Miles Pratt, Jesse A. Locke, Leonard Whitney, Jr., Joseph Crafts, Rev. J. M. Bell, Rev. W. F. Stubbart, Dr. D. T. Huckins, Mr. James Sharp and Solon F. Whitney.

This committee met a generous response, both from citizens and from former residents of the town. It was able to offer, at a meeting called to consider and act upon the subject, on the 28th of January, 1868, as we mentioned in the first paragraph of this sketch, within about seven months, the sum of six thousand dol-

lars (\$6000); which it did on the following conditions: "That the town accept the gift of six thousand dollars,¹ to establish a Free Public Library, provide a convenient place to receive it, and make it useful to the citizens. The said Library shall belong to the town, and be cared for, and enlarged, as circumstances will permit, by annual votes of the town in meeting assembled."

The town, at this meeting, appointed as committee to report a plan of organization, Messrs. Jesse A. Locke, Edward Bangs, Henry Chase, Alvin Adams, David B. Flint, and the chairman, Rev. John Weiss, and the secretary, Solon F. Whitney, of the former committee.

At a town meeting held July 22, 1868, this committee reported and the town adopted as a plan of organization the rules and regulations, which, with some amendment, remain in force to this day.

FIRST BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—The town at this meeting appointed ten trustees to serve till March, 1869, viz.:—

John Weiss, Josiah Stickney, James M. Bell, Joseph Bird, Jesse A. Locke, Alfred Hosmer, David T. Huckins, Abiel Abbott, Joshua Coolidge, Charles J. Barry.

¹ The contributions from non-residents to the original fund of six thousand dollars were:—

In 1868-1869.

Seth and George Bemis, of Newton	\$500	H. H. Hunnewell, of Boston	\$500
Heirs of Abijah White, Cam- bridge	500	Edward Whitney, Belmont .	100
George T. Bigelow, Boston .	100	Mrs. Theodore Chase, Boston	100
George C. and Abby Francis, Cambridge	100	Edward S. Rowe, St. Louis .	100
Mrs. G. W. Lyman, Waltham	50	B. R. Curtis, Boston . . .	50
		Mrs. Mary Jennison, Newton	10
		L. L. Thaxter, Newton . .	10

In 1873.

In 1872.		Heirs of Jonas White, Cam- bridge	\$100
William Cole, Baltimore, .	\$100		

Besides numerous contributions of \$1, \$5, or \$10 each, from residents, there were also the following:—

Alvin Adams	\$1000	George F. Meachan	\$50
Jesse A. Locke	600	Rev. John Weiss	50
Josiah Stickney	200	Andrew J. Ross	50
Adolphe Lewando	150	Miss Mary Pratt	50
David B. Flint	100	Charles J. Barry	50
Miles Pratt	100	John Trickey	50
B. B. Titcomb	100	Charles Bemis	0
John Templeton	100	Edward Bangs	50
Harrison P. Page	100	George A. Wilbur	50
George N. March	100	Caleb Ladd	50
George K. Snow	100	Royal Gilkey	50
Dr. Samuel Richardson . .	25	Joshua G. Gouch	25
Joseph Crafts	25	Thomas L. French	25
Solon F. Whitney	25	Jesse Wheeler	20
Samuel L. Batchelder . . .	25	John K. Stickney	20
Dr. Alfred Hosmer	50	Oliver Shaw	15

At the same meeting the town voted that the trustees be authorized to take the room under the town hall, then occupied as a store, "or any other portion of the Public Buildings which they may select for the use of the Library."

Also "Voted that the Library shall not be open on Sundays."

This Board of Trustees organized by making John Weiss, chairman, and Alfred Hosmer, secretary, and chose Solon F. Whitney, librarian.

They proceeded at once to prepare lists of books, appropriated a vacant room under the High School room for their reception and preparation for use. After occupying this room about seven months, they moved the books to the town hall.

The eagerness with which the people accepted the proffered privileges is witnessed by the fact that the circulation rose at once to ten thousand volumes the first year, and has gone on increasing till the number of nearly forty thousand volumes has been attained during the past few years.

OPENING OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY. — The first evening the trustees were all present; the people came in great numbers and business at once began.

There was then no time wasted in speech-making, no band of music, no display of flags, neither orator or poet who in grand and stirring periods or glowing rhymes, sounded the praises of the authors whose works were displayed on the shelves, or of the persons who had been instrumental in collecting the library; no speech-making except the cheery conversation of the trustees as they took the signatures of those desiring to become takers of books, the few words of librarian and assistants as they helped each to a new book; no sounds of music except the busy tones of all as they passed through the alcoves and praised the collection or criticised the absence of some loved author; no flags except the long written lists that served at first as catalogues of books. The blooming periods of orators and the musical and flowing rhymes were indeed there, but bound between pasteboard covers, asleep till some touch of the hand of the student should come to wake them into life; the solid principles of philosophy and of conduct were, indeed, offered, and no taste too delicate and no moral condition too enfeebled to drink else but health and inspiration from the pages written by the master spirits of this and all past ages there offered free to all.

The opening of this library to the people of Watertown we may acknowledge, at this distant time, when most of the principal actors have passed on to other fields and are beyond reach of praise or blame of our poor words, was an occasion the wisdom, the magnitude of which far transcends in character and importance most of those occasions that are marshaled with so much

display and circumstance, when all are moved to contribute their presence and their aid in magnifying the event.

Our children in some future time shall gather to lay the cornerstone of some grand temple of learning and rational enjoyment, when they will recall the simple and business-like proceedings at this opening, and calling to their aid the muses of music and of painting, of architecture and of sculpture, will rouse the kindled souls of a more sensitive and appreciative people to the full significance of the opening event, when the few, by the sacrifice of books from their own stores, by the gift of funds from their own small incomes, aided by larger gifts from those who had wealth as well as knowledge and so had been brought to unite in such an undertaking in those early days when not more than one-eighth of the towns and cities of the Commonwealth had taken the first step to establish that long list of libraries now almost equal in number to the number of the separate municipalities in the old Bay State.

Emerson says, when you find some fine piece of statuary that you greatly enjoy or some picture that stirs your soul, place them where the public may enjoy them and your pleasure shall be all the greater.

In this spirit many were led to begin this library. Continued in this spirit, it will ever grow in magnitude, in richness of adornment, as well as in the resources it will accumulate to give pleasure to the latest generation of a happy posterity.

The wealth of our language is too poor to give full credit to the clear intuitions, the noble motives of some of those engaged in laying the foundations of this Watertown Free Public Library. Rev. John Weiss made the larger part of the first selection of books. That selection challenges the scrutiny of all opponents of public libraries. Some of the books in the collection, it is true, were such as our people felt moved to give from their own stores. The trustees wished to encourage all to give according to their means and according to their knowledge.¹

John Weiss was aided on the board of trustees, by Dr. Alfred Hosmer, chairman of the school committee, a man of great executive ability, a scholar of no mean attainments, a clear minded philanthropist, courageous when wrong was to be put down or right to be exalted, somewhat brusque in his manner but tender hearted as a child, and a firm believer in universal education. He labored without ceasing when he had taken hold of the idea of a public library; and it is as much to his efforts as to any one's

¹ Number of books, pamphlets and papers given during the twenty-five years: 5,283 volumes, 40,722 pamphlets and papers. This number of pamphlets and papers does not include many thousands of value for temporary use merely, in the reading-room, but does include many thousands which have since been bound.

that the library was finally established. The town can not render too much honor to his memory.

There was one large, noble fellow, whose faults as well as virtues are still vividly before his companions, "Jo. Bird," as he was familiarly known and called, "who read every book that came under his hand and remembered every book he read;" who, before many had even thought of a free public library, roused a few wealthy people to make the first gifts for the teachers' library and gained the aid of able followers of Horace Mann in a wise selection of books for the same; who came to the High school one day with his big soul, too big for his big body, all aglow with the enthusiasm which success had begun to kindle in him, to express his joy and thankfulness that his appeals had been heard and that this larger prospect of a town library seemed possible. Joseph Bird, the music teacher, the man whose voice never failed to be heard when he thought the truth or the justice or even the fitness of things required his help, in town meeting or elsewhere, was at the first one of the most outspoken friends of the library.

Take the ten trustees first appointed, as named above, as a body of men who were selected to pioneer a new undertaking in a new field, for what they were, with their peculiar surroundings, and success was well assured from the beginning. While each had his peculiar qualifications for the business of raising funds and starting the new enterprise, it is probably true that in almost any community, success would be secured with equal strength of purpose.

THE NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDING.—The room on the first floor of the Town-House answered very well the purposes of the library for several years. Beginning by taking the room long occupied first by William Sherman, then by William H. Ingraham, and last by Joel Barnard as a dry goods store, it was soon found necessary to take the other side, occupied for many years by Samuel Noyes for medicines and groceries. Then, by changing the position of partitions, taking in an engine-room, certain rooms were obtained for town offices. The location was admirable for the use of the library, but the growing collection could with difficulty be managed, and the room seemed to grow closer and closer. The question of a new building was discussed in the annual reports and in the local press, until in 1882 the way seemed clear to obtain a new building. In the librarian's report for that year he said, "We have looked forward with longing eyes for several years to the possession of a proper building for this library."

The attempt was made to raise \$20,000 by subscription, and then ask the town to raise as much more for a suitable building.

The trustees themselves subscribed, showing their good faith, and Hon. Hollis H. Hunnewell, son of Dr. Walter Hunnewell who lived on Main street and practiced the healing art in our village, generously offered to give \$10,000, one-half of this. Mr. Samuel Walker offered over \$4000 if the library were located on Main street,¹ and other large amounts were quickly pledged² so that even more than the amount stipulated was secured. The town then came together and appropriated \$20,000, and appointed a building committee to proceed at once to obtain plans and estimates, and then to prosecute the work until the building was completed and turned over to the Board of Trustees.

The plans were shown at the March meeting of 1882, and during the summer the work was pushed on vigorously. It was wholly enclosed before cold weather, finished during the early winter, and on the 12th of February the books were moved in, the venerable Joshua Coolidge, chairman of the board of trustees, helping in person to make the transfer from the old rooms to the new.

Following is a general description of the public library building. Its plan, viewed from Main street, is like an inverted T, being of two principal divisions. Standing about eighty feet from the line of street, the building presents a frontage of sixty-two feet, broken by a central projection, gabled, twenty-six feet wide and ten feet deep, containing the main vestibule and basement stairway. The front main division is 24 x 62 feet, divided into a distributing room, 30 x 18 feet, on the right and left of which are reading rooms, 18 x 21 feet, with the addition of a large half-circle window on the right. Works of art can be displayed in either of these rooms. Back of these, forming the stem of the

¹ The question of location was, as early in the history of the first church, a troublesome one. The church-lot on Church street had many advocates, as had also the old parsonage lot on Mt. Auburn street, but this gift of Mr. Walker, and the promised opportunity for a public park adjoining, carried the day.

² The amounts subscribed and the names of the subscribers who did so great a service to the Public Library and to the town are here given:

H. H. Hunnewell	\$10,000	Charles B. Gardner	\$100
Samuel Walker	4,200	Rev. R. P. Stack	100
Edward Whitney	1,000	Geo. K. Snow	100
Seth Bemis	1,000	Samuel Noyes	100
Mrs. Lucy W. Titcombe . .	1,000	J. H. Conant	100
D. B. Flint	500	Wm. H. Ingraham	50
Charles J. Barry	500	E. B. Eaton	50
S. R. Payson	500	Wm. H. Dadmun	25
Mrs. P. C. Brooks	500	Mrs. R. A. Bradford	25
Solon F. Whitney	200	Mrs. A. L. Richards	25
J. K. Stickney	100	T. G. Abbott	25
Mrs. Theo. Chase	100		

T, is a structure 36 x 49 feet, containing a book-room 34 x 48 feet, while a projecting portion provides a librarian's room, 9 x 14 feet, opening out from the book-room.

Large arches form the dividing lines between these several apartments, so that really the whole interior, except the librarian's room, is exposed to sight, the effect being to present an interior of generous proportions³ to the eye of the observer. If it is found desirable to divide off more closely the study-room, or reading-room, curtains may be hung between the arches. A unique effect is produced by finishing the internal walls with faced and moulded brick, upon which the fresco decorations are made, while panels, formed by bands of cement on the corners and angles, are also decorated. Large brick fire-places finished above with terra cotta further embellish the study and reading-rooms. All ceilings are open timbered, divided into panels, and lathed, plastered, and frescoed between the beams. The book-room will hold 25,000 volumes, is sixteen feet high on the walls, and slanted up to twenty feet in height to ceiling. The height of the distributing room is fifteen feet on walls, arched up to eighteen feet six inches, for central ceiling. The side-rooms are fifteen feet high, level ceiling. In the basement, finished in 1888, ten feet in clear, are a large, well-lighted reading-room, a patent office report room, a trustees' room, besides room for the steam heating apparatus, toilet and other conveniences. The floor is concreted with cement and overlaid with hard wood, with air-spaces between; the ceiling and walls are decorated with taste. A good supply of water and proper drainage are also provided.

French Renaissance is the style of architecture chosen, the basement being constructed of Roxbury rubble stones, the walls above of brick with New Brunswick red freestone trimmings, and the hipped roofs are covered with red slates. The front is dressed quite freely with stone columns, pilasters and window decorations, and present a bold appearance. A large half-circle bay on the southeasterly side forms a beautiful feature of the design and increases the size of the reading-room. A flight of stone steps leads to the vestibule, the door of which is at one side of the front projection, and not directly exposed to view from the street. The outside walls have an average height of twenty feet from grade, and the brick walls are fourteen inches thick, having a two-inch air space. The trusses and floor timbers are hard pine, the objects in view being strength, durability and safety. For arch columns and other wood finish of the interior, ash,

³ This has proved in use a mistake. Utility, convenience, the comfort of readers were sacrificed to get this first impression of "generous proportions." Curtains would not prevent sounds from passing, glass might possibly do better.





stained, is used. Large windows of plain glass furnish abundant light. Finials, ridges and conduciors are made of copper.

The basement was not finished before the building was delivered to the Library Trustees in 1884. It was not supposed that there would be need of more space than given on the upper floor. The area of the single floor was but a little larger than the space in the town house. In less than ten years from the occupancy of the building, additional room is needed. The shelves in 1893 are so full that inconvenience is experienced, in some departments, in preserving an orderly arrangement of books. The reading-rooms are felt to be limited, and not sufficiently separated from delivery room for the use of readers.

The reading rooms, as was suggested by the architects, have been made the receptacles of collections of natural objects for the instruction of the young, and of works of art created by our own artists. Two cases, with glass doors, have one, a loan collection of minerals of small size but fair quality for identification of all the common minerals, and the other, specimens of one hundred or more kinds of woods, and also a very creditable collection of birds. The latter, with those in the three cases in the lower rooms, and other specimens in the building, are the contribution of Miss Emma Dana, the preparation of which was the work of her brother.

There is a fine portrait of Dr. Converse Francis, the last town minister, and afterwards a professor in the Divinity School at Cambridge, by Alexander, a Boston artist, given by his daughter, Miss Abby Francis. There is a portrait of Rev. John Weiss, the first chairman of the Board of Trustees of the library, executed by Miss H. Adelaide Coolidge, and given by her father, Mr. Joshua Coolidge; also a portrait of Mr. Joshua Coolidge, one of the chairmen, and for the first twenty years a member of the Board of Trustees, given by his daughter; and a portrait of Mr. Charles J. Barry, the work of Miss McLaughlin, and the gift of Mrs. Barry. We hope to see upon the walls the faces of others who aided the library in its early days. There is a portrait of the elder Agassiz finished in crayon by Sonrel, also a photograph of Dr. Hiram Hosmer, given by his nephew, Dr. Alfred Hosmer. There are several paintings by Mr. Benj. F. Nutting, — who showed his constant interest in the library during his long residence here, — which are the gifts of some of his pupils and admirers. Two large paintings of flowers by Miss Ellen Robbins; one her own gift, the other in part by prominent friends both of her and the library.

In sculpture, besides a cast of a bust of Sir Walter Scott, given by Mr. S. S. Gleason, there is a large medallion representing an ideal feminine Italian head cut in Italian marble by Miss Mar-

garet Foley, given by her brother and Mr. A. L. Richards, and a sitting figure of Charles Sumner, the work of Miss Anne Whitney, presented by Mr. Edward Whitney of Belmont. We regret we have not received a specimen of the handiwork of Miss Carrie Frazar, partly promised, although we have on the walls a large engraving of the Laocoon, her gift, as it was her admiration.

This collection is capable of enlargement as our native talent grows more productive, or as the taste and generosity of our people improve.

THE PRATT GIFT.—*The "Asa Pratt" Fund.*—In 1888, after some correspondence with Mr. Charles Pratt, of Brooklyn, New York, son of Mr. Asa Pratt, late of Watertown, as to the details of a scheme in which he wished to benefit the working people particularly of his native town, he offered to give for the Asa Pratt heirs the sum of \$5000 for the establishment of a fund to furnish *periodicals* of use particularly to the industrial portion of the community, on condition that the town would fit up the lower rooms for reading-rooms in an appropriate and substantial manner. The following is a copy of a portion of the offer of the gift and the attending conditions.

"Mr. Asa Pratt lived in Watertown for over sixty years. He died November 9, 1878, leaving his widow a life interest in his estate. She having recently died, the children in closing up the estate, are desirous of commemorating as a worthy example one of whom it was said, "He conducted business as a manufacturer of furniture in Watertown in his own name for nearly fifty years. Many pieces of furniture have been in constant use for more than half a century and are still in good condition, thus giving evidence of the integrity of his work."

"Learning from your published report, and otherwise, that the establishment of an additional reading-room has been proposed which shall be particularly for the benefit of the industrial portion of the people, and knowing it would be consistent with the memory of his life, and to aid the efforts of the people for such education as tends specially to make all men more useful citizens, the executors of his estate, on the behalf of his children, hereby offer to give to the town of Watertown the sum of five thousand dollars for the establishment of a fund to be known as the "Asa Pratt Fund," upon the following terms and conditions, viz.: that

"1. The town shall finish the basement room of the library building, or provide other similar suitable room, with an independent entrance from the outside, properly supplied with sufficient light and heat and the necessary appropriate furniture, and keep the same open and accessible to the public not less than the library above, of which it shall form a part.

"2. Said fund shall be kept safely invested, and a part of the yearly income thereof as stated below shall every year be paid over to the trustees of the public library and by them be applied to the purchase of such periodical literature, including papers, as in their opinion shall be of particular interest and use to the industrial portion of the community, and which consequently may be of use to all. The part of said yearly income to be thus paid over and applied every year, shall be for each of the first

five years the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; for each of the second five years, one hundred and seventy-five dollars, and for each of the third five years, two hundred dollars, and so on; that is to say, at the beginning of every period of five years after the first five years, the yearly allowance for said purchase shall be increased twenty-five dollars over such allowance during the preceding period of five years. The balance of said yearly income in excess of what is paid over to said trustees and expended under the foregoing provision shall be added to and become a part of said principal.

3. No sectarian influence shall govern in the selection of reading matter purchased with any portion of the income of said fund.

[This next section provides for the appointment of trustees of the fund.]

Signed,

H. W. OTIS, *Executor.*

This was followed by the following:

"I engage to be responsible for the payment of the above sum as soon as the town shall take satisfactory action.

Brooklyn, N. Y., March 3, 1888.

CHAS. PRATT.

The town, at the regular annual March town meeting, after very full discussion, took the following action:

"Voted, That the town accept the gift of the heirs of Asa Pratt with thanks, and will gladly comply with the conditions of the gift.

"Voted, That the trustees of the Public Library and the Selectmen be a committee to take into consideration the whole matter of providing for a reading-room, and, if thought expedient, a trustees' room, and that a sum not exceeding \$3000 be put at their disposal to accomplish the ends in view."

The selectmen of the town, meeting with the trustees of the Public Library according to one of the conditions of the trust, appointed with Horace W. Otis, Charles Brigham and Albert O. Davidson, trustees of the Asa Pratt Fund.

It should be stated that Mr. Pratt did more than he promised. He placed the funds (\$5000) in the hands of the special Board of Trustees, he sent the librarian money to furnish the reading-rooms entire with appropriate and durable furniture, afterwards sent a half dozen framed pictures for the walls, and as an earnest of his pleasure in the first year's administration of the fund, sent the librarian a check for a hundred dollars for reference books which was expended for valuable works that have been much prized by students of art and manufactures and history.

It may be too soon to record the influence of this gift in enlarging the effectiveness of the public library. That it is gladly and thankfully used by many young men and women is apparent to those constantly in the rooms.

The entire amount of money contributed directly to the Library for books, building, and furnishing, for the twenty-five years has been \$32,152.52. The gift of 5,283 volumes and 34,094 pamphlets and papers has been noted above. Besides these gifts there have been many others, of labor, furnishings, pictures, birds, minerals, antiquities, and other objects of interest.

CATALOGUES, AND USE OF THE LIBRARY.—As a new card catalogue is being prepared for the use of the public, it may be well to state the fact that a card catalogue of the whole library was begun in 1868, long before there was any Library Bureau, and consequently when few card catalogues were known in the country outside of Harvard College. The Boston Public Library had begun one for the use of the librarian and assistants, not yet for the public; the Boston Athenæum pasted its titles in great blank-books like scrap-books.

This catalogue was begun as an aid of the librarian in doing his work, and was written mostly nights and holidays. It was patterned after the catalogue of Mr. (afterwards Prof.) Ezra Abbott, assistant librarian of Harvard College Library, with of course simplification of the subject portion of the catalogue, with more specific subjects as adapted to a smaller library. The work done twenty-five years ago is the basis of work done now.

All other lists and catalogues, as shelf-lists, accession catalogues and bulletins have been kept up from the beginning, every title thus being written five or six times in different relations for different purposes in the manuscript lists. No labor of this kind has been spared to make the library a well-organized and effective instrument.

The library has had good direction from trustees and experts in the choice of books, so that for the purposes to which this has been put, in the education of this town, it may be said to be fairly equipped with good books of good authors.

Considerable attention has been given to assisting pupils of the schools and other learners to the use of the materials which the library contains.

Its life seems to be comparatively active. It has nearly three volumes for every man, woman and child in town, and these are read on the average twice each year. This rate would give Boston a library of a million and a half of volumes, and a circulation of about three millions annually.

Its friends expect it to do much better than this. A love of reading, and the habit of thinking by the aid of the printed page, seems not to be the natural inheritance of all people. Doubtless the new era of progress which started in Europe with the invention of printing and the use of the printed page, the emergence of universal intelligence from the gloom of the Dark Ages, has to be wrought over again in the personal history of each individual of the race. Agassiz traced in the successive beds of fossil rocks the zoological history of the world; this he found again repeated in like order of development in each individual of the higher species of the present time, by tracing the progress from the first signs of life in the embryo to the condition of maturity.

It is clearly within the province of the historian to note the successive stages of growth of use and usefulness of public libraries, to note both the early and successive stages in the growth of the public library as a complete organism, and to note the early and successive stages of growth in the minds of individuals brought or coming within the sphere of its activities. This large view helps to clear the air of much confusion of ideas in understanding the nature of the life of a public library, and prepares wonderfully to settle intelligently the many questions constantly arising in regard to the proper administration of these great public trusts. For instance, the ever-recurring question as to what books should be allowed in a public library. Should they be selected with reference to a certain standard of literary excellence? Should they accord with certain political or religious creeds? Should they treat only of facts of science or history? Should they ignore all that has misled or deceived the expectations of the past? Is it best or to be allowed to try to catch the eye and excite the imagination of the thoughtless by something within the scope of their minds?

The history of this library, to gather up the experience of twenty-five years in a single statement, has shown that the best books, the most carefully selected and sometimes the most costly, brought at the opportune moment when the want had been created, have supplied the very material required as a foundation for growth, for larger life.

The great need of a young man or a young woman who finds that it takes most of his time and strength to live, whose whole life and energy is absorbed in the material and mechanical conditions of existence, is to catch some glimpse of the world of mind, of imagination above him. Doubtless other libraries than this have been able to catch such an one's attention by a printed page not too obscure for his enlightenment and his enjoyment.

It may be claimed, doubtless without fear of contradiction, that some in every condition of mental development, the more the higher we go, have found it a garden of delight and of refreshing, the open door to new views and more effective labors. Such will prove their grateful appreciation by leading others to still greater help, still higher and wider and more constant mental activity.

In this town, a model New England town, with its full share of dull material existence, the library has been evolved in the course of progress as the representative of the best intellectual forces, as that connecting link, if one can excuse the figure, which binds this toiling, busy life to the onward car of progress. It is for the masses what the schools are to the young, what the university is to the scholar. It is, in fact, the university of the masses of the town.

It requires men yet on its board of control. It requires administration with firmness, freedom to try new means and measures, and intelligence to observe results and draw conclusions.

Present Use and Needs of the Library.

The circulation for 1892 is slightly in excess of the previous year, the last few months considerably beyond the corresponding months of last year, especially in the use of books of reference in the library. While the purchase of new books has been less than during some former years, still, with the increase of reading people in town and the constantly growing demand of school children for information in connection with their studies, the volume of circulation is maintained, while its quality you will be encouraged to note is improved. While this might be very greatly increased by the purchase regularly of a larger portion of the new books constantly being published, still with the increase of facilities for quiet study which we might easily suggest, the use of the library as it is will be extended to a larger number of people and made more and more effective. With the completion of the card catalogue we should begin at once the rearrangement of books by a more perfect subject plan, and I hope we may provide more room for the needs of students for quiet examination of books of reference.

THE CARD CATALOGUES.

It is more than three years since we began to make the large card catalogue for the use of the public. The original purchase of about thirty thousand large cards is nearly exhausted. We shall soon require several thousand more to continue and complete the catalogue.*

* On the following dates there had been previously written the following number of cards, cataloguing the expressed number of books and pamphlets.

Jan. 1, 1890,	5,118 large cards,	526 small cards,	1,768 vols.	158 pamph.
" 1, 1891,	12,886 "	" 2,487 "	" 5,318 "	983 "
" 1, 1892,	15,608 "	" 4,060 "	" 7,595 "	1,564 "
Feb. 1, 1893,	25,311 "	" 6,808 "	" 13,466 "	3,314 "

PRINTED CATALOGUES.

While speaking of the card catalogues it may be well to ask what shall be done for those people who select their books at home from the printed catalogues. The supplement we print with this report is the eleventh made since the catalogue of 1881, and while it will, as all the others have done, increase the circulation nearly two-fold for a month or two after it is issued, it will be as a practical part of the entire catalogue, I am sorry to say, almost entirely useless. Few people will plod through twelve alphabets in hunting for a desired book, and yet they are liable to miss what would be found in the library a great help in some emergency, if they had the courage to persist till they had gone through the whole twelve lists. We must have printed catalogues if books are to be selected at home. The best form of a printed catalogue would be one volume containing the entire library, with titles, authors, and subjects arranged as in a dictionary under one alphabet.

If this would cost more than the town is willing to spend, then print as recommended last year, all the supplements consolidated and improved as one volume, for the second volume of the entire catalogue. The second great need of the library to prepare it for greatest usefulness, is the

REARRANGEMENT AND RELOCATION OF BOOKS.


I do not, I wish to say at the outset on this topic, recommend any such radical and complete overturning of the library as will appreciably interfere with its constant use, much less close it for a season, as in some places, to access by the public. While I would make such a radical change in the arrangement of books that one could not find a volume by the old method, I would make the change in so gradual and orderly a method and with such intermediate helps to readers that they would at once begin, if allowed access to the shelves, to find books more certainly and more quickly than by the old method. Then, too, the librarians or the student would find all the books on a given subject massed together. This work might have been begun the past year, should be begun soon, and should be completed before the print

ing of the new catalogue is begun. I may say that the work has already been begun. In a certain part of the library, — the collection of sets of periodicals, — we have nearly completed the alphabetical arrangement both of current numbers and of bound volumes. This collection we may claim has received considerable attention, and I hope merits a special appropriation to enable you to enlarge, to rebind a portion, and to continue it. I hope that a decided effort will be made to complete sets of periodicals that are becoming monthly scarcer and scarcer, and at the same time our current numbers will be put in good binding and in order for use. This leads to the consideration of the third means of increasing the use of the library.

INCREASED ROOM FOR STUDENTS.

You will bear with me while I occupy a few moments in speaking of this as a great desideratum, although you may not think it wise to press for its immediate realization. You need a suitable room in which to hold your deliberations. The present Trustee's room would be useful for students, but is not a fit and proper place for holding your meetings. It seems, however, the only room at present available, since the corner of the book-room, formerly used for trustees' meetings, is required for periodicals. And now the constantly increasing demand for book-room has crowded two great cases even into this small and secluded room. It is not in keeping with the wealth or the needs of this old historic town, the people of which probably think or know little about it, that its only public board of literary men should assemble in a little room that must be quickly opened into the furnace room to get enough air to keep them from smothering while engaged in close and often protracted discussions on the comparative merits of the works of rival historians, scientists or poets. You need a large airy room.

The library needs a room in which to place its more valuable books, especially its nicely bound and illustrated works. The library needs a quiet room which might be well lighted and well ventilated, and so contrived that it could be shut out from the



necessary noise or confusion caused by the regular business of the library, necessary I will say, however considerably readers and would-be-takers of books make their wants known: Such a room could be secured by building a wing out from the book-room, opposite to the Librarian's room. It need not cost a very large sum of money. The building of such a room might easily give an opportunity to construct below it large fire-proof vaults, or a fire-proof room where could be stored documents and works not easily replaced in case of loss by fire.

This additional room, if made large enough, and it need not be out of proportion to the rest of the building, might give storage to the collection of the Historical Society, and serve until some one leaves them sufficient funds to erect and warm and light and care for a separate building, an appropriate place for their occasional meetings. Even if these meetings should become semi-occasional, they need not interfere with, but on the whole would assist the general work of the library. The trend of both is in the same direction, the education and the uplifting of the people. I think I know private individuals who would be glad to assist in such an enlargement. Judging from past experience, I think I might undertake with your aid and with the aid of the friends of the library who have shown their interest on former occasions, to raise by private subscription one-half the cost of such enlargement, if the town would grant the other half.

This enlargement of space would make more practicable the proposed rearrangement of the library. This last, however, even if the additional wing seems at present impracticable, might be begun at once. Say arrange all the works of fiction, including children's books, alphabetically by authors and under each author all his works in alphabetical sequence. Then perhaps the alcove of biography might be arranged alphabetically by names of subjects or persons written about. This would for this year make a beginning, and test the desirability of extending the rearrangement. If one is tempted to enquire why not go about it at once without further discussion, he should be reminded that the loca-

tion numbers in the old catalogues would become at once useless, and we must adopt a different plan of calling for and of charging books. We can manage our part of the change, and soon would be greatly benefited by it, while the general public by calling for stories, and juveniles, and poetry by author and title, and biography by subject and author, would be more quickly and more certainly served.

PERSONAL SERVICE.

With all this increase of means of usefulness in the public library, I apprehend that the living librarian will become only still more useful. The librarians will be of more use than any and all machinery, so long as with patience and intelligence they endeavor conscientiously to meet all the varied wants of those who come for help. Still the public with the aids advocated, will be more independent in its use of books, and will derive greater satisfaction in the greater freedom possible.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING.

In my last report I discussed the advantages of electric lighting. It is now possible, through your efforts, to realize the great advantages of this mode of lighting, and although not yet what is promised in the near future when the works are more fully completed and more accurately fitted, all can see for themselves the great improvement. We might now restore some of the bindings destroyed by the escape of gas during the past few years. There is a perceptible improvement in the purity of the air since the introduction of electric lights.

BINDING.

It will be seen by figures in Appendix I. that 229 volumes have been added the past year by binding 2430 pamphlets and papers from our files, increased in a few instances by the purchase of missing and rare numbers. What was said on this subject in the last report is still true, and a due consideration of the facts by the voters of the town would, I know, give you an enlarged appropriation to continue the work of thus preserving and increasing the value of a collection that with proper care will constantly

appreciate in *commercial value* while proving by its usefulness a good investment for the town, paying dividends of growth in knowledge and intelligence particularly among the rising generation. During the twenty-five years there have been bound 23,781 pamphlets and papers, producing 1,860 volumes, many of which are very valuable, from the fact that many of the numbers in them are now out of print and difficult to obtain.

I have spoken of an increase of shelving down stairs. There has also been some change and a slight increase of shelf room up stairs. United States documents have been moved to and arranged in the Trustee's room. Massachusetts documents have been temporarily arranged where we had duplicates, while the Boston city documents and books about Boston, have been rearranged in still another place.

Thus large, and for the present, sufficient space has been gained for the rearrangement of the periodical collection spoken of before, in the back part of the book room, extending across both sides.

TABULAR STATISTICS.

In the Appendices will be found the usual tabular statistics by which it will be possible to compare the use of the library this past year with previous years. In Appendix III. will be seen the long array of the names of persons and institutions who have remembered our library the past year. We are constantly written to for copies of our reports. As we have received from other libraries, so we are in honor bound to give to any, especially to new libraries, who call. Our list of current periodicals has been curtailed. If with loss to any reader, we shall in time learn. The list is subject to change.

We should not forget to acknowledge the kindness of the Hollingsworth and Whitney Company in keeping us supplied with a good quality of covering paper and with paste, without trouble or expense to the town.

The Magazine Club has continued through another year the

constant donation of all their periodicals as soon as they have been seen by the members of the club. This adds nearly one-sixth of our list.

Mr. Charles A. Stearns has continued to supply the reading-room with a large variety of the latest and best electrical and mechanical journals.

The Enterprise comes each week to us in duplicate, one for each reading-room, and its publisher, Mr. Fred. G. Barker, sends us a large collection of papers and other journals from his exchanges.

Both the local papers of Newton have been sent regularly for several years as a gift from their publishers, as has also the Waltham Free Press by its editor and publisher, who is a member of our Historical Society.

• ASA PRATT FUND.

It will be seen that this fund has increased, as its founder intended, until this year we begin to have twenty-five (\$25) dollars in addition to the annual income previously enjoyed. This will enable the readers to find a larger list of periodicals in the lower room, as well as allow you to put in permanent bindings a part of those saved for future use.

If the town would take the accumulations of this fund, say at five per cent. interest, the rate received on the bonds in which the fund was invested, we should have more for present use, say for putting in permanent bindings some of the valuable Pratt Fund periodicals now accumulating on our shelves.

THE ORDER OF THE READING ROOMS.

While such close attention has been required by the construction of the card catalogues the past two years, some young people left too much to themselves have become so far forgetful of the convenience of older readers, and of the proper decorum of such a place as to lay themselves liable—some frequently—to censure, and in a few cases to temporary deprivation of the rooms. The Massachusetts law is very strict on this subject, and while

librarians hesitate to use extreme measures, such thoughtless persons must not be surprised if some of them find themselves suffering soon by way of example to others. All disorder of all kinds is punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. We hope however that the benevolent intent of the founders of the reading-rooms and the library in general, will have its proper influence on a sufficiently large number of the frequenters of the rooms so as to secure without the necessity of a constant attendant in the lower rooms the proper quiet and decorum expected from all young gentlemen and young ladies.

May I not hope for the generous support of the town in furnishing a generous supply of new and popular books while it does not neglect the collections of standard authors. I do not believe the town feels that its library is a burden. It rather finds it an honor, a source of enjoyment and of usefulness. I believe the time has not yet come when the town has refused to grant any amount you have thought it wise to ask for. I have known trustees to discuss very carefully how they could get along with less. I have known individuals from personal or unwise motives try to put it off with smaller sums, but in every instance when the town has been appealed to, it has granted the largest sum named. Brookline for years, when the amount that could be raised for books by taxation was limited, always enquired in town meeting the extreme sum allowed, based on the number of polls, and at once voted it, and besides voted for the salary of the librarian a generous sum,—with other town officers,—that the amount of money available for books might not be thus curtailed. This town, much to the credit of its belief in the value of education to the masses, and where the poor have everything to gain and the rich nothing to lose, has always met fully your requirements. If you spent as many hours as I have in the library month by month, and year by year, you would feel like asking for still larger means for use in a work not yet beginning to show its capacity for good.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SOLON F. WHITNEY, *Librarian.*

APPENDIX I.

USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	14,556	15,056	15,791	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,694	21,472
Increase during the year.....	491	500	735	796	1,130	788	407	653	1,129	778
Increase by purchase.....	291	297	664	654	613	565	269	363	741	253
Increase by gift.....	158	124	67	105	517	101	220	127	148	218
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	45	79	4	111		112		163	243	229
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....										80
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates.....	2			74			82		78	
Total number of pamphlets & papers in the Library.....	11,335	11,592	13,094	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376	24,871	27,392
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation.....	934	934	960	1,155	1,059	1,041	1,061	1,083	1,094	1,188
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund.....	557	538	550	836	1,423	2,539	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift.....	424	1,215	8	1,549		2,149	3,008	4,320	4,536	5,335
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	3,889	4,114	4,326	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.....	28,274	27,469	30,304	31,998	34,251	37,810	37,435	36,640	34,939	35,101
Total number of volumes issued.....			3,215	2,636	3,356	4,766	4,454	4,630	4,200	6,615
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room.....	2,644	4,647	3,552	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,521	5,649	4,675
Number of books covered.....										
Money received for catalogues.....	\$11.60	\$13.25	\$5.50	\$5.78	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$6.75	\$4.61	\$7.55
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.....	88.77	96.91	96.91	110.65	115.12	121.59	113.28	123.68	139.13	131.39

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

APPENDIX II.
SHOWING THE CHARACTER OF THE CIRCULATION BY CLASSES DURING EACH
MONTH IN THE YEAR 1892.

	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Whole No.	Of these, used in Library.
Reference*.....	66	76	250	97	43	28	12	23	65	106	142	114	1,022	849
Periodicals.*.....	170	418	512	258	212	93	145	212	212	300	420	368	3,320	1,901
Juveniles.....	678	670	989	819	643	502	467	445	318	369	463	516	6,879	803
Fiction.....	1,350	1,406	1,500	1,385	1,201	1,160	1,218	1,054	1,028	1,067	1,144	1,190	14,703	437
Travels.....	146	172	180	148	139	108	71	95	119	129	191	138	1,636	203
Literature and art.....	122	175	151	133	97	92	89	74	100	122	131	131	1,417	210
Theology and religion.....	27	50	50	33	22	39	26	23	23	39	43	37	412	51
Education.....	65	69	76	43	39	24	24	14	33	26	30	31	474	141
Biography.....	111	91	158	84	67	65	52	64	75	101	81	63	1,012	116
Poetry.....	60	57	97	61	35	35	17	24	40	92	82	72	672	178
History.....	147	163	201	155	104	97	69	96	108	130	188	163	1,621	282
Science.....	147	131	138	133	132	93	66	84	90	72	106	126	1,318	261
Social science.....	79	52	77	52	42	41	30	33	41	50	68	50	615	183
Total.....	3,168	3,530	4,379	3,401	2,776	2,377	2,286	2,241	2,252	2,603	3,089	2,999	35,101	5,615

* In addition to those in the cases in the reading room, of which no account is kept. † Here fiction forms less than 42 per cent., and *fictions* and *juveniles* together, some of which are semi-historical or scientific, in character, only 61 per cent of the entire circulation.

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1892.

DONORS.	Pamphlets- and	
	Vols.	Papers.
Acton Memorial Library, Trustees of.....		1
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register".		52
Ames, John G.....		2
Amherst College.....		1
Andover Memorial Hall Library, Trustees.....		1
Arlington Public Library.....		1
Baldwin, Edward D., "Newton Graphic".....		53
Barker, Fred. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc.</i>	1	1155
Barry, Mrs. C. J., "Unitarian".....		12
Bemis, Charles, Estate of.....	66	26
Boston Book Co., "The Green Bag".....		5
Boston Record Commissioners.....		1
Brockton Public Library.....		1
Brookline Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn, N. Y., Pratt Institute.....		1
Brooklyn Public Library.....		2
Brown University.....		1
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		1
Bustin, Wm. H., Jr.....	1	1
Chelsea, Fitz Public Library.....		1
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Chicago, Sunset Club of.....	1	
Cleveland, Ohio, Public Library.....		1
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Public Library.....		1
Concord Free Public Library.....		1
Critchett, F. E., town clerk.....	1	1
Dalton, Joseph G.....	1	
Davenport, Dr. B. F.....		1

Dawes, Hon. E. L., senator, "Official Gazette".....		55
Ensign, Charles S.....		22
Fall River Public Library.....		1
Fitchburg Public Library.....		1
Fitz, Charles F.....		4
Flagler, D. W., Brig. Gen.....	1	
Funk, Wagnalls & Co., "Voice".....		49
Goodwin, Mr. Charles B., "Wellesley Courant".....		41
Gordon, H. L.....	1	
G. A. R. Executive Com. 24th Annual Encampment....	1	
Graham, A. J., "Student's Journal of Phonography"...		12
Grand Rapids Public Library.....		2
Green, Samuel A.....	2	
Hara, Dr. J. E.....		1
Harvard University, "Library Bulletin".....		3
Haynes, Tilly, Boston.....		1
Hoar, Hon. Sherman.....	81	223
Home Market Club, "Home Market Bulletin," etc.....		31
Hopedale Public Library.....		1
Horsford, Eben N.....	1	
Hunnewell, Hon. H. Hollis.....	1	
Jackson, Miss Annie L.....	9	
Johnson, T. L., Ohio.....		1
Kimball, A. R., librarian state library, N. H.....	2	
Lancaster Town Library.....		1
Lawrence Public Library.....		2
Leominster Public Library.....		1
Library Bureau.....		2
Lowell City Library.....		2
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Macurdy, Miss T. E.....		1
Maimonides Library, New York.....		1
Malden Public Library.....		1
Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station.....	11	
Mass. Board of Agriculture.....		2
Mass. Civil Service Commission.....		7
Mass. Secretary of Commonwealth.....	10	3
Mass. School for Feeble-minded.....		1
Mass. Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, "Our Dumb Animals".....		26
Mass. Trustees of Public Reservations.....		1

Mass. Woman Suffrage Association.....	I	
Mead, Dr. Julian A., "Die Gartenlaube".....		37
Medford Public Library.....	I	
Melrose Public Library.....	I	
Milwaukee Public Library.....	I	
Mitchell Library, Glasgow.....	I	
Monahan, J. D., "Watertown Independent".....		65
Natick, Morse Institute.....		I
New Bedford Public Library.....	I	2
Newark Free Public Library.....		2
Newton Free Library.....	I	2
Newberry Library, Chicago.....		I
Newburyport Public Library.....		I
North Easton, Ames Free Library.....		I
Oates, Wm. C.....		4
Oliver Ditson Co., "Musical Record".....		12
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		I
Peabody Institute, Danvers.....		I
Peabody Institue, Peabody.....		I
Penn. Woman's Medical College.....		I
Pope Manufacturing Co.....		I
Pratt, Asa, Fund.....		3285
Pratt, Geo. H., "Newton Journal".....		51
Providence Public Library.....		I
Quincy, Thos. Crane Public Library.....		I
Rockland Public Library.....		I
St. Louis Mercantile Library.....		I
Salem Public Library.....		I
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....		I
Scranton Public Library.....		I
Shirley, Mrs. C. L.....		195
Smith, Cassius C.....		I
Smithsonian Institution.....	6	5
Somerville Public Library.....		I
So. California Bureau of Information.....		I
Southbridge Library.....		I
Spelman, I. M., Pres. Trustees Mt. Auburn Cemetery...		I
Springfield City Library Association.....		13
Starbuck, Alexander, <i>ed.</i> "Daily Free Press," Waltham		287
Stearns, Mr. Charles A., Elec. and Mech. Periodicals...		238
Taunton Public Library.....		I

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Tokyo, Japan, Library.....		1
Toledo Public Library.....		1
Traveler's Insurance Co., "Traveler's Record".....		11
Triangle Publishing Co., "Physical Education".....		6
Tufts College, "Tuftonian," <i>etc</i>		19
Tufts Library, Weymouth.		2
United States, Bureau of Education.....	4	8
U. S. Civil Service Commission.....	1	6
U. S. Dept. of State.....	2	17
U. S. Life-Saving Service.....	1	
U. S. Naval Academy.....		1
U. S. Signal Office, Chief Signal Officer.....	1	
U. S. War Dept. Library.....	1	
University of Denver.....	1	
University of Pennsylvania.....		1
University of Vermont.....		1
Unknown	3	7
Volta Bureau, Washington, D. C.....	1	
Watertown Magazine Club.....		361
Westborough Public Library.....		1
Wheeler, Rev. H. L.....	4	8
White, Smith Music Publishing Co., "Folio".....		12
Whitney, Solon F		1
Wilder, S. Fanny Gerry.....	1	
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Osterhout Free Library, "Library News Letter".....		10
Williams, George F.....	1	
Woburn Public Library.....		1
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal"		52
Worcester Public Library.....		1
World's Columbian Exposition.....		1
Young People's Literary Society.....	4	

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Those not found in the Reading-rooms may be called for at the Desk.

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| American Library Journal. | Magazine of American History. |
| Andover Review. | Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports. |
| Appalachia. | Musical Record. |
| Athenæum, London. | Nation, N. Y. |
| Atlantic Monthly. | N. E. Historical Register. |
| Blackwood's Magazine. | New England Magazine. |
| Century Magazine. | Newton Graphic. |
| Christian Register. | Newton Journal. |
| Contemporary Review. | New World. |
| Congressional Record. | Nineteenth Century. |
| Co-operative Index to Periodicals. | North American Review. |
| Courant, Wellesley. | Notes and Queries. |
| Dublin Review. | Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office. |
| Eclectic Magazine. | Our Dumb Animals. |
| Edinburgh Review. | Punch. |
| English Illustrated Magazine. | Quarterly Review. |
| Fliegende Blätter. | Scribner's Monthly Magazine. |
| Folio. | Specifications and Drawings of Patents from the U. S. Patent Office. |
| Fortnightly Review. | Student's Journal of Phonography. |
| Forum. | Travellers' Record. |
| Gartenlaube. | Tuftonian. |
| Good Words. | Ueber Land und Meer. |
| Harper's Magazine. | Union Signal. |
| Harvard Univ. Library Bulletin. | Unitarian. |
| Home Market Bulletin. | U. S. Consular Reports. |
| Library News Letter. | Waltham Daily Free Press. |
| Literary News. | Wide Awake. |
| Life (N. Y.) | Woman's Journal. |
| Literary World. | Youth's Companion. |
| Littell's Living Age. | |

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PERIODICALS GIVEN BY MR. FRED. G. BARKER, PUBLISHER.

American Economist.	Natick Bulletin.
Board of Trade Journal, Portland.	New Nation.
Boston Democrat.	New York Mail and Express.
Boston Republican.	Ornithologist and Oologist.
Brighton Item.	Our Dumb Animals.
Farm Poultry.	Philadelphia Inquirer.
Garden and Forest.	Woburn Journal.
Great Divide.	Watertown Enterprise. (2 copies).

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN MAGAZINE CLUB.

Atlantic Monthly.	Littell's Living Age.
California Illustrated Magazine.	New England Magazine.
Century.	North American Review.
Christian Register.	St. Nicholas.
Graphic (London).	Scribner's Magazine.
Harper's Bazaar.	Season, London.
Harper's Weekly.	Temple Bar.
Life.	

PERIODICALS PURCHASED FROM THE INCOME OF THE ASA PRATT FUND.

This list is partly *experimental*, the desire being to obtain the *best practical journals that will be used*. Anyone wishing any other journal not on the list, is invited to confer either with one of the Trustees of the Library, or, if more convenient, with the Librarian.

American Agriculturist.	Carpentry and Building.
American Architect.	Chamber's Journal.
American Artisan, Tinner and Furnisher.	Chautauquan.
American Machinist.	Decorator and Furnisher.
American Naturalist.	Education.
Arena.	Electrical Engineer.
Art Amateur.	Engineering, London.
Boston Advertiser.	Harper's Magazine.
Boston Globe.	Harper's Weekly.
Boston Herald (Evening edition).	Harper's Young People.
Boston Evening Journal.	Illustrated London News.
Boston Evening Transcript.	Journal of Education.
	Journal of Franklin Institute.

Kindergarten Magazine.	Outing.
Lend-a-Hand.	Popular Science Monthly.
Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.	St. Nicholas.
London Weekly Times.	Science.
Magazine of Art.	Scientific American.
Manufacturer and Builder.	Sci. American, Builders' Edition.
Massachusetts Ploughman.	Scientific American Supplement.
Metal Worker.	Shoppell's Modern Houses.
New York Herald, daily, including the Sunday edition.	Textile Manufacturer.
New York Tribune, Semi-weekly.	Wide Awake.
	Youth's Companion.

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APPENDIX I.

USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	YEARS.									
	1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	14,556	15,056	15,791	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,304	21,472
Increase during the year.....	401	500	735	796	1,130	788	407	653	1,129	778
Increase by purchase.....	291	297	664	654	613	565	269	363	771	253
Increase by gift.....	158	124	67	105	517	101	220	127	148	216
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	45	79	4	111		112		163	243	229
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....									62	80
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates.....	2			74			82			
Total number of pamphlets & papers in the Library.....	11,335	11,592	13,004	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376	24,871	27,393
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation.....	934	934	960	1,155	1,059	1,041	1,091	1,083	1,094	1,188
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Platt fund.....							1,686	1,948	2,216	3,285
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift.....	557	538	550	836	1,423	2,539	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	424	1,215	8	1,549	2,149	2,149	3,098	4,320	4,556	5,335
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.....	3,889	4,114	4,326	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236
Total number of volumes issued.....	28,274	27,469	30,304	31,498	34,251	37,810	37,435	35,640	34,939	35,101
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room.....			3,215	2,636	3,356	4,766	4,454	4,630	4,290	5,615
Number of books covered.....	2,644	4,647	3,552	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,321	5,646	4,675
Money received for catalogues.....	\$11.60	\$13.25	\$65.50	\$57.78	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.47	\$7.65
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.....	88.77	96.91	96.91	119.65	115.12	121.59	113.28	123.68	139.13	131.39

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

APPENDIX II. SHOWING THE CHARACTER OF THE CIRCULATION BY CLASSES DURING EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR 1892.

	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Whole No.	Of these, used in Library.
Reference*	66	78	250	97	43	28	12	23	65	106	142	114	1,022	849
Periodicals.*	170	418	512	268	212	93	145	212	212	300	420	368	3,320	1,901
Juveniles.....	678	670	989	819	643	502	467	445	318	369	463	516	6,879	803
Fiction.....	1,350	1,406	1,500	1,385	1,201	1,160	1,218	1,054	1,028	1,067	1,144	1,190	14,703	437
Travels	146	172	180	148	139	108	71	95	119	129	191	138	1,636	203
Literature and art	122	175	151	133	97	92	89	74	100	122	131	131	1,417	210
Theology and religion	27	50	50	33	22	39	26	23	23	39	43	37	412	51
Education.....	65	69	76	43	39	24	24	14	33	26	30	31	474	141
Biography	111	91	158	84	67	65	52	64	75	101	81	63	1,012	116
Poetry	60	57	97	61	35	35	17	24	40	92	82	72	672	178
History	147	163	201	155	104	97	69	96	108	130	188	163	1,621	282
Science	147	131	138	133	132	93	66	84	90	72	106	126	1,318	261
Social science.....	79	52	77	52	42	41	30	33	41	50	68	50	615	183
Total.....	3,168	3,530	4,379	3,401	2,776	2,377	2,286	2,241	2,252	2,603	3,089	2,999	35,101	5,615

* In addition to those in the cases in the reading room, of which no account is kept. † Here *fiction* forms less than 42 per cent., and *fiction and juvenile* together, some of which are semi-historical or scientific, in character, only 61 per cent of the entire circulation.

Andes of the equator, Travels amongst. Whympers, E.	346.25
Angoulême, Maria Thérèse Charlotte, duchesse d'. Imbert de Saint Amand, A. L., baron. Youth of the duchess of Angoulême.	724.64
Animal sketches. Morgan, C. L.	923.45
Anne of Gelerstein. Scott, Walter.	247.23
Antinomian controversy. Adams, C. F. (<i>In Three episodes of Massachusetts history</i>)	824.31.32
Antiquary. Scott, Walter.	247.3
Appleton's Canadian guide-book. N. Y., 1891, '92. 2v. 12°	342.28,29

Contents.—Part I. Eastern Canada, by C. G. D. Roberts.—Part II. Western Canada, by Ernest Ingersoll.

Army of northern Virginia in 1862. Allan, William.	874.11
Atkinson, Edward. Taxation and work. N. Y., 1892. 12°	1044.32
Aunt Anne: a novel. Clifford, Mrs. W. K.	284.75
Austen, Jane. Letters. B., 1892. 12°	432.34
Adams, Oscar F. Story of Jane Austen's life.	712.44
Autumn: from the journal of H. D. Thoreau. Ed. by H. G. O. Blake.	463.34

Balzac, H. de. Albert Savarus. Transl. by K. P. Wormeley.	212.55
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Contents.—Albert Savarus.—Paz.—Madame Firmiani.

Wormeley, Katharine P. Memoir of Honoré de Balzac.	733.52
Barrie, J. M. The little minister. N. Y., [1891]. 12°	284.74
Barter, S. Manual instruction. Woodwork. L., [1892]. 8°, illus.	936.42
Bates, E. C. History of Westborough, Mass. Part II. Later history.	877.35
Beacon lights of history. Lord, John. 3 vols.	823.35-37

Vol. 6. Modern European statesmen. 823.35

First series. Jewish heroes and prophets. 823.36

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The last two volumes intended as an introduction to his 6 volumes of Beacon lights.

Beck, James B. Memorial addresses on life of. U. S. Congress.	737.69
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Bendire, C. Life histories of North American birds. Smithsonian Contributions to knowledge. Vol. 28. 1892.	—
Berry, Marie C. F. L. de Bourbon, duchess de. Imbert de Saint Amand, A. L., baron. Duchess of Berry and the court of Charles X. N. Y., 1892. 12°. (Famous women of the French court.)	724.66
Duchess of Berry and the court of Louis XVIII. N. Y., 1892. 12°. (Famous women of the French court.)	724.65
Besant, Walter. Dorothy Wallis: an autobiography. L., 1892. 12°.	257.24
London. N. Y., 1892. 8°, illus.	346.26
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The German emperor and his eastern neighbors. N. Y., 1892. 12°.	361.32

- Biological teaching in the colleges of the U. S.** Campbell, J. C.
(U. S. Bureau of educ. Circular of information, 1891, No. 9.... T. L.—
- Birds.** Grant, J. B. Our common birds. N. Y., 1891. 12°, illus.... 931.53
- Miller, Olive Thorne. Little brothers of the air. B., 1892. 16°.... 932.51
- Björnson, Björnstjerne.** In God's way. New York, [1890]. 12°.... 223.53
- Black dwarf, The; and A legend of Montrose.** Scott, Walter..... 247.6
- Black man of the South, and the rebels.** Stearns, C..... 565.44
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- Blanchard, J. H.** Proceedings at large on the trial of John Horne
Tooke for high treason, 1794.....1066.20
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- Booth, Charles.** Life and labour of the people in London. L., 1892.
Vol. I. 8°.....1054.41
- Boston tea party, Ballad of the.** Holmes, Oliver Wendell.....In747.4
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- Brave woman, A.** John, E. (*E. Mariitt*). Transl. by M. P. Waterman. 276.59
- Bride of Lammermoor.** Scott, Walter.....In247.8
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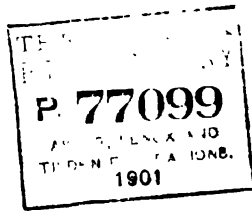
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Appreciating the benefits that have accrued to the Library in the past few years from generous appropriations by the town for special purposes in excess of the amount necessary for its regular and proper maintenance, the Trustees have briefly to report the excellent general condition of the institution in their charge; — its custodian and his assistants faithful and zealous in the performance of their duties; the building in good repair and well cared for; the installation of a system of electric lighting in place of gas; the practical completion of the card catalogue; a marked improvement in the condition of the books upon the shelves; a very considerable gain in the department of magazine and periodical literature made available by reason of liberal expenditure for binding; the circulation of books for home use, large in comparison with most other libraries of like grade; and last but not least a notable increase in the consultation and use of books at the Library and reading room, than which nothing can better indicate the real and sincere interest of the people, and their appreciation of the practical advantages to be derived by direct intercourse and intimacy with the treasures of the Library.

It must be borne in mind that the regular expenses of the Library cannot be curtailed without injustice. The salaries of the attendants are not too high. The cost of the electric lighting proves to be much more than that of gas, but the advantages derived from it, however, are so great that we cannot willingly dispense with it. The constant accumulation of periodical literature and the wearing out of old volumes makes it imperative that out of the annual appropriation, as much as can be spared, should

be expended each year for binding. The balance left for buying books will necessarily be very small, limiting us to ordinary acquisitions.

In view of the completion of improvements above noted, and bearing in mind the necessity for economy in municipal affairs, we respectfully ask the town to appropriate the regular sum of three thousand dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BRIGHAM, *Chairman.*

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Received from town appropriations,	\$3,500 00
" " " dog tax,	649 70
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	\$4,278 49
Paid for books, \$536.75; binding, 459.02, \$995 77	
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\$481.38, (for 13 mos.)	699 63
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etc.,	268 92
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" " salaries, including extra labor cov-	
ing books,	1,608 45
Returned to the town,	15 92
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	\$4,278 49

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Balance on deposit in the Watertown Sav-	
ings Bank, Feb. 1, 1893,	\$658 60
Received interest on bond to Dec., 1893,	250 00
" " " deposit in Watertown	
Savings Bank,	25 56
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	\$934 16
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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

XXVI.

To the Trustees:

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting, according to custom and the requirements of the rules and regulations of the Library, my annual report, the 26th of the series I have been enabled to make, I am happy to congratulate you on the continued prosperity of the institution entrusted to your care and guidance. There are necessarily many questions of administration and policy in which the general public who support it by their contributions are interested, and concerning which they should have exact information.

There are many facts in regard to the use and condition of the property placed in my care, which may properly influence you and the citizens of the town in the immediate and future support of the Library, which can only be made known through a report based on the records, and the statistics, carefully kept at the Library.

In the review of the first twenty-five years of the history of the Public Library published last year, it was clearly shown that the dealings of the town had been alike generous and honorable to the public spirit of this ancient community. The exhibit made by the library at the World's Columbian Exposition, at Chicago, during the past summer, while not conspicuous in so vast an exhibition, was yet honorable for a town even much larger than this.

When the library was first opened to the public, on the first floor of the Town House, just twenty-five years ago this very month, there were on the shelves, ready for use, 2,250 volumes and 637 pamphlets, just about the number now in the alcove of fiction and juveniles; one year later, there were 4,683 volumes and 824 pamphlets; now there are 22,233 volumes and a larger number of pamphlets and papers.

USE OF THE LIBRARY.

The first year there was a circulation, wholly for home use, of 10,398 volumes: the last year the whole number of books and pamphlets used, in the library and at home, is in excess of those used in any other year of the library's history. Of some interesting and instructive changes in the character of the circulation, I will speak later.

The first year the books were all new, fresh from the book-stores, 1,788 volumes having been just purchased. These were taken out, on the average, six times each during the first year. During the past year the number of new books purchased has been 367; the year before, only 253 were purchased, making the purchase of new books small in comparison with almost any other similar period. Now that the card-catalogue has been completed, and the electric lighting has been installed, it is hoped that no new extraordinary expense will prevent your greatly increasing the number purchased, and that a corresponding increase in the use of the library will be immediately reflected in the records of circulation at the library.

In appendix I. you will find the usual arrangement of figures showing the comparative use of the library for the past ten years. It has been customary to report the entire number of books issued, including both those for home use and those for use in the library. While the number used in the building was also reported, the number of books taken home has not been separately stated. These numbers could be obtained by a simple process of arithmetic. In this appendix, while the entire circulation for each year is given as before, the number of books issued for home use and for use in the library are also given separately. By these series of numbers, it will be seen that while the numbers of books used *in the library* have gradually increased, say for the past ten years, that the number of books *taken home* has gradually and quite regularly decreased for the past six years. This is true, in spite of the fact that our population has increased, and increased in that portion that read good books. These facts require consid-

eration and explanation. Quality of circulation is another matter, and may be considered separately.

Why the circulation might be diminished in numbers, I may mention two causes—one general, affecting all libraries, and one peculiar to our library.

Our library has felt the effects of the rapid cheapening of the cost of popular books, which is partly the result of new processes of manufacture. Great numbers of popular books, many of them of the best standard writers, are sold in the dry-goods stores for a small part of the cost of those on our shelves. While the quality of print and paper are not to be praised, they are good enough for a single reading, which is all many people care for.

The other cause affecting our library in particular, is the diminishing numbers of popular books on our shelves. This, you will be pleased to think, comes partly from the critical oversight you bestow on the quality and character of books you allow to go on the shelves. It comes, also, from the fact that considerable numbers of books placed on the shelves by the Trustees in the earlier days of the library, have been worn out by constant usage, while they have not been replaced.

About half of the circulation,—and, in comparison with other libraries, this is a small proportion,—comes from the alcove of fiction and juveniles. In the first years, when all books were new and in more equal proportions, the circulation of fiction was as high as 75, and even 80, per cent. of the whole. In many free circulating libraries, this is constantly true. By the conservative policy you have followed, the ratio of books of this class grows smaller and smaller. This fact will be satisfactory to you, no doubt, for the other side of it is, that history, description, travels, biographies, poetry, and science, form a larger portion of the people's reading, if we may judge by the books taken from our library. Still, the fact should be stated, lest some may conclude that the library, with a diminishing home circulation, is failing in its proper work.

By actual count, a few days since, there were found on the shelves in the alcove of fiction, 2,114 volumes, less than one-tenth of the library. In the shelves devoted to children's books, only 581 volumes were found. About one-eighth of the volumes of the library thus do the work in circulation of five or six-tenths of all the books taken home. There were 359 books charged out, a hundred or more were at the binders undergoing repairs, while several hundred are beyond repair. The numbers on the catalogues are considerably larger, being 2,754 for fiction, and 823 for juveniles, still the numbers given first as having been actually found on the shelves, make a fair statement of our average working number in this alcove. Other alcoves are less depleted by the wear and accidents of use.

Many numbers of books frequently called for, numbers found on half of the cards as they are handed in, are no longer fit for the shelves, or because of the frequent calls for them, are in use, and so are not, at any particular time, to be found on the shelves. You placed on the shelves, a few months since, four copies of Lew Wallace's "Prince of India." Fifteen or twenty names of people waiting their turn to read this book have been, and are now, constantly on our list. You put in a duplicate set of Roe's works, some months since. Some volumes of the first set are worn out. The other volumes seldom remain many minutes on the shelves. Their numbers are on a large proportion of the cards whose holders wonder they can never get them. Among the juveniles, Alger and Kellogg and Trowbridge, whose books are in the catalogues, are largely represented in the list of worn out and not replaced books. We have only one of Henty's; few or none of several popular writers for boys.

These facts will please those who think people, and especially children, should read only books approved by literary critics, rather than by themselves. Our college teachers in literature and history directed us to read only *what we could enjoy*. I would not suggest even, that, if the popular taste is, on the whole, sound, or if it could be largely trusted to correct itself, these diminishing

numbers might, with increased appropriations, be made to tend the other way.

I wonder if it has occurred to you that very many people, instead of uniting their common interests, may be supplying their individual wants at their own individual expense; may be neglecting to give their moral and financial aid to the common good and purchasing at far higher cost such reading matter as falls in their way. Where book clubs flourish, where each family finds it necessary to duplicate endlessly the purchase of the books the public wishes to read, the Public Library *must be failing in its proper work*. "If I want a book, I buy it," may be an intensely selfish saying, unless it can be followed with what should be its counterpart, "and when I have read it, I put it in the Public Library where others may read it." I think it would be economy for the town, which, without doubt the book-makers understand, to double this alcove of books in number within the next five years, making the collection as good as possible, but by all means selecting books the people will read. When one looks over the houses of the people, what wasteful extravagance one sees in the presence of hundreds of copies of a few books, when the same money spent under your guidance would give a sufficient number of copies of a varied and equally choice list of authors. Buying books of agents who press us, is like giving charity at the door, we help the wrong person, we buy the wrong book. You and I personally may not be able to make the Public Library take its proper position in the hearts and lives of the people, but the time will come when those more fortunate will fill our places, and true economy and the highest interests of good literature will be conserved in a far more liberal support of the work such an institution is capable of performing in this community. I know you would rejoice to be able to furnish a larger number of books, if in the common interest, the great majority of our people made this demand.

THE USE OF THE LIBRARY IN THE BUILDING.

While the fact of diminution in the *home circulation* is apparent in the diminishing figures in this appendix,* it will also be noticed that the use of *books in the library* is constantly increasing. This is alike creditable to the adults preparing to write articles on various subjects, and especially to the children, to their teachers, and to all concerned. It comes from an increase in the demand for information and an increase in the number of valuable books of reference, an improvement in the stimulating power of teachers, and in greater facility in the use of catalogues, indexes, cyclopædias, and our increasing stock of valuable books of reference. This is the feature of library work in which we feel we can be of most use in the library. Now that the pressure of other work is over, more time can be given to this.

As an illustration of what may be attempted, I may cite one example. A teacher of geography in one of the schools of the town, wishing to interest her pupils in the general subject of Europe, and to prepare the way for an interest in the separate countries of Europe, asked us to show some of her pupils some illustrated works, with pictures of places and physical features of those countries. We very gladly devoted several days to selecting from our alcoves such books as we thought would answer the purpose, and placed them on one of the long tables in the book-room, to the number of a hundred or more, and invited her to send her pupils, a few at a time, at their pleasure. They came by twos and threes, even a dozen, at a time, most of the hundred and fifty of them, as their teacher assured us, for they reported in a written exercise some result of their findings. On these exercises they were marked as on any other regular work. Of course, in looking up any particular topic,

* That the extent of the circulation for home use follows almost exactly the ratio of the purchase of new books, immediately or soon afterwards, may be seen by consulting these figures. While the increase of use of the books of reference in the library makes a steady increase with the increase of the library.

they were learning the use of reference books, and gaining some knowledge of the variety and extent of our collection, some fuller knowledge of the variety of opinions, and the wealth of illustration in the more modern books.

While it is almost impossible to estimate in figures the extent of such use, there can be no doubt as to its value in giving interest by adding illustrations, and in broadening their regular school work.

Some teachers decry the reading of stories by their pupils, as a waste of time and a dissipation of mental forces. That may depend on what they are teaching. There can be no objection to the wise use of books of reference.

PERIODICALS.

The supply of periodicals, both of papers and magazines, for the lower reading-room, is assured by the slowly increasing income of the Asa Pratt Fund. The use of this room, I am glad to be able to state, is greater than ever before. Account of the numbers visiting the room has been kept, particularly during the last month, both the numbers reading at the tables and those who, coming in from curiosity, remain but a short time.

A set of Harper's Magazine has been put in the rotary case and placed in the room. These are much read, and evidently prove acceptable reading. The old volumes of Harper's Magazine have always something of interest to everybody. I hope we may continue to increase the attractions by adding bound volumes of other illustrated periodicals. Would it not be well to add other books, as well? With an increase of fresh, new books, with the presence of some of our other bound illustrated periodicals on shelves prepared for them, and the presence here of an assistant while doing other regular library work, I shall expect to see the room frequently crowded. We have thirty seats at the tables, with half as many more chairs about the room. These I have never seen all filled at any one time, although frequently twenty of twenty-five are quietly reading at the tables, and more

than a hundred visit the rooms in a single afternoon or evening.


Periodical literature is furnishing us more and more the regular work of the best writers. It is fortunate that we are enabled to preserve so much that is valuable, and that will become more and more valuable, in these regular bound sets, to which such an admirable guide is furnished in Poole's index and its supplements.

I should be glad to know that you would think it best to ask the town to continue another year the appropriation of an extra five hundred dollars for the purpose of completing the binding of our valuable collection.

I would suggest the purchase of additional copies of a few periodicals, and allowing them to circulate for a few days each from the time of their first receipt. It would be a privilege esteemed by many. We allow all to circulate now among the homes at the expiration of a month from their receipt, or when the next number comes.

EXTENSION OF PRIVILEGES.

One other extension of privilege to takers of books I would suggest, which can be safely made, and which is in accordance with the usage in at least one large library, where the ratio of books to readers is not as large as here. This is, to allow any person to take out two books at a time, provided not more than one of them is a recent book from the alcove of fiction. This would be convenient for many readers, and would increase the usefulness of the library. A second volume of a work would be more likely to be read if at hand when the first was finished. It is proverbial that second volumes last much longer than first volumes, because less frequently called for and read. One's mood may change, in this country, in the interval while returning the first to the library and securing the next. In England three volume novels are common. In this country, our people will hardly bear a second. Then, if two books could be taken, the second book might be a nice biography or a book of travel, an



entertaining poem or an instructive history. Of course, if one becomes interested in any science, or any deep question of history, he will hardly be satisfied with any *two* books, but will spend much of his time, while that interest lasts, at the library with all we can give him at hand.

LISTS OF NEW BOOKS.

We have continued to exhibit the new books for a week or two, or even longer, before they are allowed to go out, that as many as possible, by coming to the library, may see the new purchases.

The publisher of the *Enterprise* has kindly continued to publish the lists of new books as they are added, and this without expense to the library. Doubtless this proves equally interesting and valuable to the readers of our only local paper and to the users of the library, for each book-list in the paper is followed by an increased call for the books at the desk.

The publication of the annual list in the town reports has always been followed by the largest monthly circulation of the year. This fact suggests the propriety of publishing more frequent bulletins, or, what would be better perhaps, class lists; as, for instance, lists of books in fiction, or lists of children's books, or lists of books of travel and descriptions of countries, or of biography and history. It is supposed, you may say, that every person in want of a book will come to the public library to see if he can find it, or if he can not find it, to suggest its purchase. We all know how easy it is to neglect to do what we might do, and when one considers the vast number of books and the small number in any town library, it is easy to see how much more likely the average person will be to remain at home, especially if he lives at any considerable distance from the library. I think the library should take more pains, be at some expense, if necessary, of printing, to make known more frequently and more exactly its possessions.

LIBRARY AGENCIES.

I think, too, the time has come to try to save for the people living farthest from the library much of the present necessity of travel to get books. There should be branches or agencies at the two ends of the town. An agency at Mount Auburn would accommodate the people on our side of the line, as well as the agency of the Cambridge Public Library on the Cambridge side of the line accommodates those who dwell on that side of the village. If you say the people have not demanded it, I would say the people of this town had not demanded a library before one was started. The establishment of a public library, however, by those generous-hearted and far-seeing men who, at the outset, gave their time and their means to establish this library, in anticipation of this sense of want, in anticipation of its proper appreciation, and, of course, in anticipation of its great usefulness, has been of great use as well as an honor to the town. There might well be an agency at Bemis. There is little doubt that it would be used, and that the good that would result would more than repay any little additional cost to the town.

DONATIONS.

The donations to the library this year have been constant and of value. The list of donors is given in Appendix IV., with the number of books and pamphlets given by each. Among the donations to the library is a volume in itself valuable, Max Müller's "Science of Religion." But this copy is particularly valuable to our library, as it bears an autograph of the country's friend; the Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, presenting the volume to his friend, a former distinguished writer and philanthropist of this town, Mrs. Lydia Maria (Francis) Child, who in turn presented it to her friend, Col. Thomas W. Higginson, for a short time a preacher in this town, and he has now presented it to this library. More recently, Col. Higginson has presented a pamphlet to the library, which he wrote many years ago (in 1855-6), which Chairman Barrows, of the Chicago World's

Columbian Parliament of all Religions, says led him years ago to see that such a congress would be sometime a crowning glory of the spirit of true religion.

In addition to the supply of two copies of each weekly issue of the *Enterprise*, the publisher, Mr. Fred. G. Barker, has presented the library, each year, with a bound volume of all the year's numbers. He has also continued to supply the library with a large number of papers and other periodicals from his exchanges. These prove quite an addition to the reading matter of the lower room.

Mr. Charles A. Stearns, of East Watertown, has continued his gifts of electrical and mechanical journals. The number, which is quite large, is reported in the appendix.

The Magazine Club continues to send us their entire supply of magazines as soon as they have passed through the hands of their members.

We are indebted to the publishers of the *Waltham Free Press*, the *Newton Graphic*, the *Newton Journal*, and now the *Cambridge Tribune*, for the regular numbers of these neighboring local papers, which frequently contain matter of special interest to our townsmen.

The only addition to our works of art is a cast of a portrait bust of her father by the late Miss Carrie Frazar, the gift of her mother.

The Hollingsworth & Whitney Company have continued their gift of covering-paper made at their works, as well as a constant supply of fresh paste. The quantity used the past year may be in excess of that used in previous years.

THE BOOK-ROOM.

The rearrangement of books formerly reported as desirable, it is now seen upon fuller examination, although no less desirable, must be postponed until some considerable changes are made in the shelving.

We are fortunate in having a building which will accommodate, by such rearrangement or reconstruction of shelving, even twice the number now belonging.

MATERIALS FOR HISTORY.

The Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts calls the attention of the towns to an important matter :—

It is of the first importance that the free public library of every town should preserve every published detail of its history, and of the lives of its citizens. It should become a treasure-house for the local historian. With this end in view, great care should be taken to secure and preserve :

1. All printed histories of the town and its locality, including all historical addresses or sketches of its churches, associations, or societies of whatever nature.
2. Complete sets of the annual reports of the selectmen, school committees, and all other town officers. Few towns have preserved a complete set of their own municipal reports.
3. Genealogies and family histories which relate to those who have been or who are citizens of the town, including the preservation of biographical sketches and personal memorials in scrap books.
4. Files of all the newspapers published in the town, or of those published in the vicinity, containing a chronicle of the current events of the town.
5. All publications of natives or residents of the town, and of persons in any way identified with its history.
6. Prospectuses, programmes, and all transient publications which may be illustrative in any degree of the social, political, economical or moral development of the people of the town.
7. Manuscript material, such as unpublished sermons or addresses, the records of societies, etc.

We have already many of the volumes and pamphlets, papers, broadsides, and some few manuscripts, such as are mentioned in this quotation. This is inserted with a view of inviting all our people to coöperate with the library in making its possessions of this kind *as complete as possible*.

This only confirms the desirability of uniting the work of the Historical Society with the work of the library. If it had seemed best to all interested, I think we might have had now an addition

to the building, of great use to the library and ample for the use of the Historical Society for some years to come, all furnished by private means without expense to the town. I throw out the suggestion now to you and to the members of the Historical Society, and to any interested in the history of the town, for possibly it may not be too late by complete union to bring about such an extension of the library building. While the library would be greatly benefited by such extension, no one would at this time suggest that the town might add this to its other burdens, present and prospective. It should be erected, if erected at all, by those specially interested in such an undertaking. Anyone willing to construct such a fire-proof wing of the present building, would be ever held in grateful remembrance.

THE LIBRARY AN HONOR AND A RESOURCE.

The library still continues to enjoy the distinction of being one of the few public libraries having a complete set of the Patent Office publications. This should stimulate our young mechanics and manufacturers, to new inventions by showing them how they may become for a series of years sole owners of patents for such inventions.

Let not the town tire of the good work taken up in 1868. The town then was a kind of pioneer in the work, being the forty-second in the state which has now 308 of its 352 towns in the enjoyment of public libraries of some form. We are assured by the Library Commission that less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of its entire population has not the free use of a public library. Is it no honor to have led in so good a work? Shall we forfeit the proud position we then took? The times may be hard. Money may be difficult to get. With hard times and scarce money comes abundance of leisure. "It is an ill wind that blows no one good." Let us be in condition to make the best use of this leisure. Let us save in the expense of the luxuries we enjoy, but let us not spare in the purchase of those books from which we may get the good which may keep our people intelligent and successful.

The rich and those in receipt of large incomes may buy such books as they like. They are the least expensive of their luxuries. The poor and those whose incomes run low may, if not envious, prepare themselves for greater usefulness to the community in their enforced idleness.

We should strive to lead men to save in their personal expenditure while they may, that they may acquire homes for themselves and become interested in the solid growth of the town, and may accumulate little by little the means of self-help for days of helplessness and for those dependent upon them. But that one may have greater incentive to take interest in the broadest and most solid and vital interests of any community, he should not spare the fuel that will keep its engines in motion, should not spare the time and thoughtfulness needed to give proper direction to those energies.

LIBRARY SUPPORT.

It will be easy for men who do not use the library, in looking about for something in which they may reduce expenditure, to think that they may most easily cut off the necessary supplies from the Public Library. But will the fathers of the children who are making such increased use of it allow its supplies to be shortened? Will those who take a large and hopeful view of future growth and future usefulness allow its resources to be diminished?

During the last four years, a large sum, over a thousand dollars, has been expended in constructing a card catalogue, and as much more in binding for future use a large store of periodicals. The card catalogue is finished as far as anything that is still alive and growing may be said to be finished, and a very valuable and creditable collection of bound volumes of periodicals has been begun which should now take care of itself with ordinary effort. May we not hope that a continuance of all necessary appropriations to provide larger additions to the books on the shelves, both to replace those worn out with twenty-five years' use, and to pur-

chase the latest and best in every branch of knowledge for which any of our people may ask, as well as to complete the binding of our periodicals, will be furnished. Will not the citizens of the town look about rather, and find some interest in which to retrench that will be less likely to be mentioned when dismemberment of the town is urged, that will be less likely to be thought of when intelligent men and women from other towns or the city are urged to take up their abode with us.

Gentlemen, whatever retrenchment may be necessary in public expense, you doubtless will see the wisdom of making every exertion, that the materials required by our schools and our library be not allowed to deteriorate in quantity or in quality.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

SOLON F. WHITNEY, *Librarian*.

APPENDIX I.

USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	YEARS.									
	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	15,056	15,791	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,694	21,472	22,194
Increase during the year.....	500	735	796	1,130	788	407	653	1,129	778	722
Increase by purchase.....	297	664	654	613	565	269	363	749	253	387
Increase by gift.....	124	67	105	517	101	220	127	148	216	179
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	79	4	111		112		163	243	229	211
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....								62	80	5
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates.....			74			82		78		60
Total number of pamphlets & papers in the Library.....	11,592	13,004	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation.....	934	960	1,155	1,039	1,041	1,091	1,083	1,094	1,188	613
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund.....								2,216	3,285	3,198
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift.....	538	550	836	1,423	2,539	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	1,215	8	1,549		2,149	3,908	4,320	4,536	5,335	4,492
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.....	4,114	4,326	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236	6,539
Total number of volumes issued.....	27,469	30,304	31,998	34,251	37,810	37,435	35,640	34,939	36,101	35,037
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....		27,089	29,362	30,895	33,044	32,981	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,909
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room.....		3,215	2,636	3,356	4,766	4,454	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128
Number of books covered.....	4,647	3,652	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,521	5,046	4,675	4,605
Money received for catalogues.....	\$13.25	\$5.50	\$5.78	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.....	\$6.91	\$6.91	\$10.65	\$15.12	\$121.59	\$113.28	\$123.68	\$139.13	\$131.39	\$120.74

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

*To these numbers about 1,500 to 3,000 should be added, by estimation, for school work that could not be exactly counted. See Appendix III., note.

APPENDIX II. SHOWING THE CHARACTER OF HOME CIRCULATION BY CLASSES DURING EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR 1893.

Home Use.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Whole No.	Percentage.
Reference	19	19	22	14	5	4	3	6	14	18	11	15	149	.0053
Periodicals.	183	223	197	147	149	130	114	123	112	152	109	93	1,732	.0621
Juveniles.....	442	457	517	468	400	377	402	365	342	342	375	431	4,918	.1762
Fiction	1,185	1,134	1,380	1,214	1,059	1,051	1,175	1,185	1,111	1,011	1,072	1,173	13,750	.4927
Travels	125	116	116	135	100	65	76	73	82	106	111	140	1,245	.0446
Literature and art	94	122	148	115	122	90	62	57	88	115	123	118	1,254	.0449
Theology and religion..	29	23	33	30	23	15	19	18	22	20	29	16	277	.0091
Education.....	24	26	41	31	51	26	19	25	29	41	28	27	368	.0132
Biography	80	80	90	69	65	52	52	69	111	102	97	81	948	.0340
Poetry	57	44	80	93	79	45	25	24	52	60	77	70	706	.0253
History	116	101	139	122	96	86	80	84	85	81	137	90	1,217	.0436
Science	92	104	126	99	81	77	41	42	62	71	79	73	947	.0339
Social science.....	37	37	39	32	55	22	30	14	26	36	43	27	398	.0143
Total.....	2,483	2,486	2,928	2,569	2,285	2,040	2,098	2,084	2,136	2,155	2,291	2,354	27,909	.9992

APPENDIX III. SHOWING THE CHARACTER OF LIBRARY USE BY CLASSES DURING EACH MONTH IN THE YEAR 1893

LIBRARY USE.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	Whole No.	Percentage.
Reference	132	108	91	111	97	41	16	9	128	126	137	69	1,065	.1494
Periodicals	286	257	336	311	332	119	88	140	183	132	200	282	2,365	.3318
Juveniles	86	150	197	88	75	59	114	68	50	40	110	67	1,104	.1549
Fiction	33	57	57	52	31	28	38	35	36	38	60	48	513	.0720
Travels	22	34	18	28	12	3	6	1	49	73	71	27	*344	.0483
Literature and art	42	39	40	32	19	22	11	8	22	29	49	35	348	.0488
Theology and religion	5	3	4	3	4	2	1	1	5	4	7	8	47	.0066
Education	11	9	14	12	2	12	4	2	11	22	36	5	140	.0196
Biography	20	17	10	9	12	10	1	0	6	17	16	8	126	.0177
Poetry	24	21	50	24	53	20	6	1	13	22	32	19	285	.0393
History	38	47	55	23	32	9	1	7	26	36	65	20	359	.0504
Science	21	44	31	22	19	10	4	18	10	18	36	41	274	.0384
Social science	16	22	14	8	8	6	6	3	3	14	14	44	158	.0222
Total	736	808	917	523	496	341	296	293	542	571	932	673	*7,128	.9063

*These numbers should be increased by at least 1,500, perhaps two or three times that number for 150 scholars examined in the book room by the Librarian in two months; a collection of over one hundred books on Europe and European cities and countries. There was a possible usage of 150 times 100, or 15,000; which is also far from the truth. No attempt is made to account for the number of books and periodicals to which all readers may help themselves in the reading rooms.

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC., GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1893,

DONORS.	Pamphlets and Vols. Papers.	
	Vols.	Papers.
Acton Memorial Library.....		2
Allegheny, Pa., Carnegie Free Library.....		1
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register"..		52
Amherst College.....		1
Andover, Memorial Library.....		1
Arlington, Robbins Library.....		1
Baldwin, Edw. D., ed. and pub., "Newton Graphic"....		52
Barker, Fred. G., "Enterprise," and other periodicals..	2	749
Barrows, <i>Mrs.</i> M. T.....	1	80
Barry, <i>Mrs.</i> C. J., "The Unitarian".....		12
Belt, Miss Dixie, "Talks and Thoughts".....		10
Bigelow, Johnathan, Esq.....		1
Boston Public Library		41
Boston Record Commissioners.....	1	
Bradlee, Rev. C. D.....	1	1
Bridgewater Normal School.....	1	
British Royal Commission.....	1	
Brockton Public Library.....		1
Brookline Public Library.....		1
Brooklyn Library.....		2
Burlington, Vt., Fletcher Free Library.....		2
Cambridge Public Library.....		1
Chase, Henry.....		44
Chase, <i>Mrs.</i> Henry.....		100
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Chicago University.....		1
Children's Hospital, Boston.....		1
Cincinnati Public Library.....		1
Concord, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Cornell University.....		1

Dawes, Hon. E. L., "Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office".....		56
Drew, Mrs. M. H. B.....	2	
Dunklee, B. W.....		1
Ensign, Charles S.....		6
Fairhaven, Mass., Millicent Library.....		2
Fall River Public Library.....		1
Flagler, Brig.-Gen. D. W.....	1	
Free Public Library Commission.....		1
Gardner, Mrs. A. M.....	54	69
Gleason, S. S.....		5
Goodwin, Charles B., "Wellesley Courant".....		15
Graham, A. J., pub., "Student's Journal of Phonography".....		7
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		1
Hall, F. Stanhope, ed. and pub., "Cambridge Tribune".....	21	
Harvard University, "Bulletin," etc.....	2	3
Higginson, Col. Thos. W.....	1	1
Hill, Hon. N. P.....	1	
Hoar, Hon. Sherman.....	24	85
Home Market Club, "Home Market Bulletin".....		12
Horsford, Miss Cornelia.....	1	
Indian Rights Association.....		2
Japanese Commission to Columbian Exhibition.....	4	1
Lancaster Town Library.....		1
Lawrence Public Library.....		4
Learned, Mrs. S. S.....		6
Leominster Library Committee.....		1
Lincoln, Mass.....	1	
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Malden Public Library.....		1
Massachusetts, State of.		
Agricultural Experiment Station.....	1	6
Civil Service Commission.....		2
Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	12	
Topographical Survey Commission.....	1	
Trustees of Public Reservations.....		2
Mass. Institute of Technology.....		1
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, "Our Dumb Animals".....		20

Mead, Dr. J. A., "Gartenlaube".....	35
Melrose Public Library.....	1
Murphy, John, & Co., "The Tablet".....	3
Natick, Morse Institute	1
National Civil Service Reform League.....	1
New Bedford, Board of Trade.....	1
New Bedford, Free Public Library	1
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1 1
Newton Free Library.....	1
Oliver Ditson Company, "Musical Record".....	12
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....	1
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.....	1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....	1
Pope, Col. A. P.....	1
Pratt, Geo. H., ed. and pub. "Newton Journal".....	52
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	1
Providence, R. I., Public Library.....	1
Richardson, Mrs. Samuel, Estate of.....	19
St. Louis Public Library.....	15
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.....	1
St. Paul, Minn., Library.....	2
Salem Public Library.....	1
San Francisco, Mercantile Library Association.....	1
Scranton Public Library.....	1 2
Seaver, Edwin P., Boston.....	1
Silsbee, Mrs. A. M.....	5
Smithsonian Institution, Washington.....	9 10
Somerville Public Library.....	1
Springfield City Library Association, "Bulletin".....	12
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United States Department of War.....	1	
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	
United States Labor Bureau.....	2	1
United States Life-Saving Service.....	1	
United States Light-House Board.....	1	1
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<i>Unknown</i> , "Free Russia".....		8
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Weymouth, Tufts Library.....		1
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| Athenæum, London. | Musical Record. |
| Atlantic Monthly. | N. E. Historical and Gen. Register. |
| Blackwood's Magazine. | New England Magazine. |
| Boston Public Library Bulletins. | Newton Graphic. |
| Public Library. Titles of books. | Newton Journal. |
| Cambridge Tribune. | New World. |
| Century Magazine. | Nineteenth Century. |
| Christian Register. | North American Review. |
| Contemporary Review. | Notes and Queries. |
| Co-operative Index to Periodicals. | Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office. |
| Courant, Wellesley. | Our Dumb Animals. |
| Critic. | Punch. |
| Dublin Review. | Quarterly Review. |
| Edinburg Review. | Review of Reviews. |
| English Illustrated Magazine. | Scribner's Monthly Magazine. |
| Fliegende Blätter. | Specifications and Drawings of Patents from the U.S. Patent Office. |
| Folio. | Springfield Library Bulletin. |
| Fortnightly Review. | Traveler's Record. |
| Forum. | Tuftonian. |
| Gartenlaube. | Union Signal. |
| Good Words. | Unitarian. |
| Harper's Magazine. | U. S. Consular Reports. |
| Harvard Univ. Library Bulletin. | Waltham Daily Free Press. |
| Home Market Bulletin. | Watertown Enterprise. |
| Library News Letter. | Woman's Journal. |
| Life (N. Y.) | |
| Literary News. | |
| Literary World. | |

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American Cultivator.	New Nation.
American Economist.	Ornithologist and Oölogist.
Board of Trade Journal, Portland.	Our Dumb Animals.
Boston Democrat.	Philadelphia Inquirer.
Brighton Item.	Woburn Journal.
Garden and Forest.	Watertown Enterprise. (2 copies.)
Natick Bulletin.	Phrenological Journal.

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Atlantic Monthly.	Littell's Living Age.
Century.	New England Magazine.
Cosmopolitan.	North American Review.
Forum.	Popular Science Monthly.
Graphic (London.)	St. Nicholas.
Harper's Bazaar.	Season, London.
Harper's Weekly.	Temple Bar.
Life.	

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American Agriculturist.	Journal of Franklin Institute.
American Architect.	Kindergarten Magazine.
American Artisan, Tinner and Furnisher.	Lend-a-Hand.
American Machinist.	Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.
American Naturalist.	London Weekly Times.
Appalachia.	Magazine of Art.
Art Amateur.	Manufacturer and Builder.
Boston Advertiser.	Massachusetts Ploughman.
Boston Globe.	Metal Worker.
Boston Herald (Evening Edition.)	Nation (N. Y.)
Boston Evening Journal.	New York Herald, daily, including the Sunday edition.
Boston Evening Transcript.	New York Tribune, semi-weekly.
Carpentry and Building.	Outing.
Chambers' Journal.	Popular Science Monthly.
Chautauquan.	St. Nicholas.
Decorator and Furnisher.	Science.
Education.	Scientific American.
Electrical Engineer.	Scientific American, Builders' Edi- tion.
Engineering, London.	Scientific American Supplement.
Harper's Magazine.	Shoppell's Modern Houses.
Harper's Weekly.	Textile Manufacturer.
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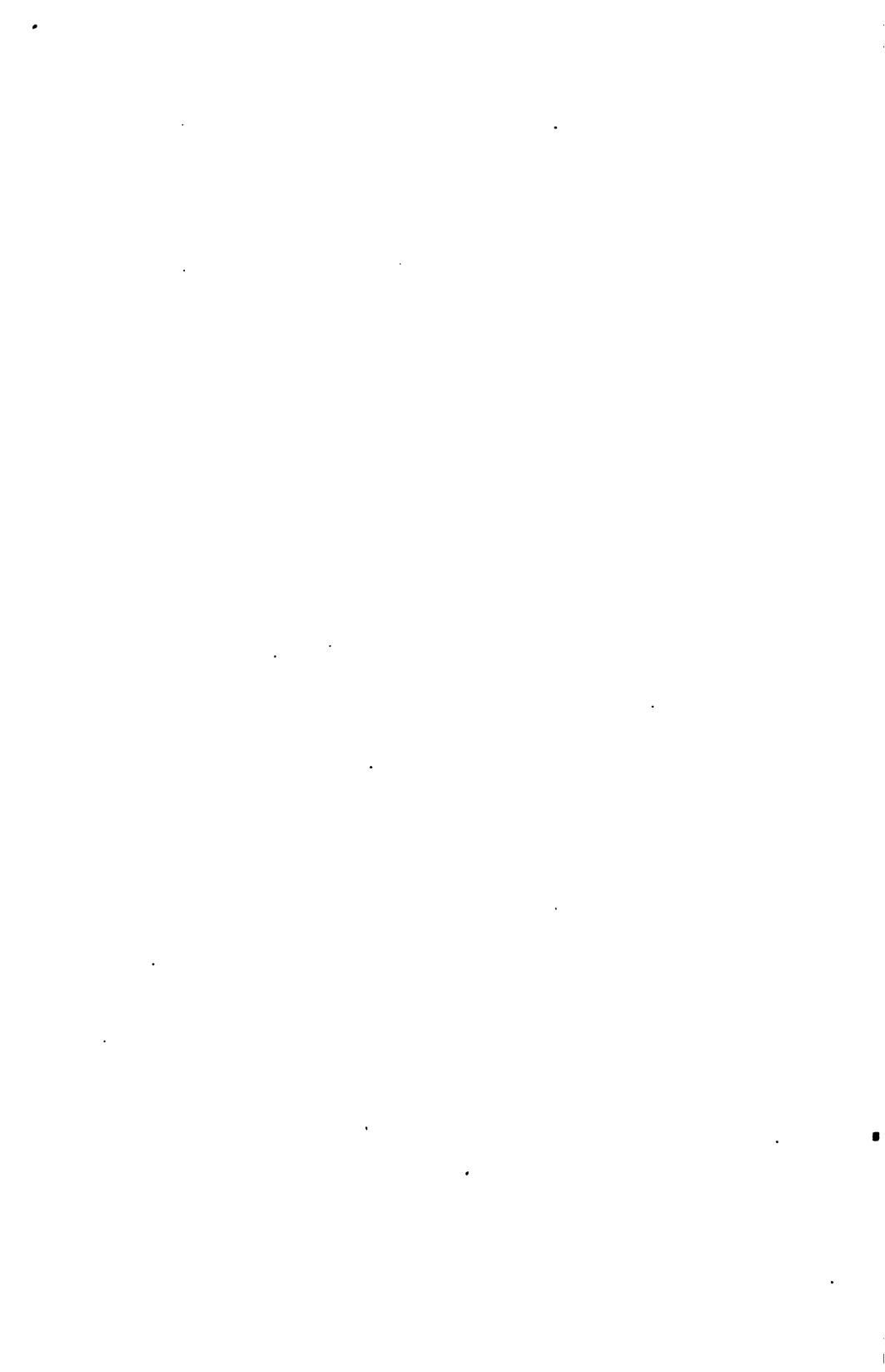
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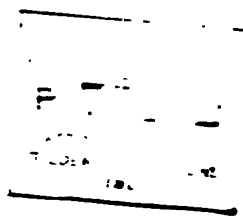
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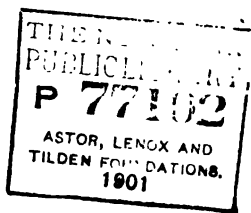
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Received from town appropriation,	\$2,700.00
" " dog tax,	510.42
" " sale of catalogues, fines, etc.	117.24
" " transfer from contingent fund by vote of the town, February 1,	174.39
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	\$3,502.05
Paid for books, \$546.43; binding \$214.64; \$761.08	
" " periodicals, \$101.47; postage, etc, \$11.38;	112.85
" " stationary and supplies, \$27.56; re- pairs, (furnace, etc,) \$63.15;	\$90.71
" " printing, \$13.75; express, \$12.15;	25.90
" " light, \$460.03; fuel, \$172.75;	632.78
" " care of building, grounds, etc.,	256.47
" " salaries and extra labor,	1622.26
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Amount invested, in hands of Trustees, \$5,000.00

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Balance on deposit in the Watertown Sav- ings Bank, Feb. 1, 1894,	\$784.16
Received interest on Bond to December, 1894,	250.00
" " " deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	30.64
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	\$1,064.80
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librar'n, for periodicals, \$150.00	
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The smallest number any one day, July 2, was	50
The average for the 305 days was	137.8

You will see that this is the highest number we have ever reached. The whole number is twenty per cent. larger than it was last year and twelve per cent. larger than for any other year since the library was established. This increase in numbers is in itself gratifying. If it reflects your constant striving to meet the wants of the people in the choice of new books, or the painstaking, cheerful and hearty serving of the library attendants in answering the call of readers, it is the natural result to be expected in a good work. Our Library, in common with other libraries, has been sought by increasing numbers of people, this past year, partly from the growth of population and partly from the partially enforced leisure due to dull times in business. We will not take too much credit to ourselves. But it is wise foresight to be ready to supply at any time any increased demand for books, whether it come from transient causes or from the regular growth of population, or, better still, from a growing knowledge of the Library itself.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

We have been very busy at the Library during the year. Yet we have been obliged to let many things go unattended to for want of time or for want of assistance. While the public card catalogue was being prepared the people bore without complaint many failures in attention. Now we have two less assistants. This means two less attendants possible to be called on in any

press of demands for books or information, as, for instance, on Saturdays. A large number of books have been covered the past year; a large number now need covering. We need the constant presence of an attendant in the lower reading room. This during the winter months is an absolute necessity. With an attendant to take the place of Miss Wise, who received a more advantageous offer from the Newton Library, and who is now there employed in cataloguing and in other work, we should be able to give much better service in the lower room, furnish it with reference books and bound sets of periodicals, of which we have enough to make a respectable beginning, and bring this room into line of order, quiet, and usefulness with the rest of the Library.

Some people can not understand why more assistants are required in the library than are required at the desk to find, charge, and deliver books. A late report of the Los Angeles public library attempts to show why three or four assistants are required in a library for each one employed at the desk. Books must be prepared for circulation before they can be given out. They need to be catalogued, located, and such records made of them that they can always be found when wanted, whether called for by title or author, or are needed for what they contain on certain subjects, or on certain branches of certain subjects of which they treat. This work requires time and close and careful consideration. That most people underestimate the amount of time and knowledge required to do the most important part of library work, is probably best shown by the fact that almost all new helpers, finding they can learn in a few days to get and charge books by our system, feel at the end of the first week a degree of self-satisfaction that years of studious service fail to sustain. To catalogue a book with any degree of confidence, requires not only a knowledge of the book, but some knowledge of the subjects of which it treats.

I have written out a statement of the processes through which each book passes from the time it is received until it goes into the hands of readers. The processes are the same in all well regulated libraries, necessitated by the requirements of the best library administration. If this could be seen and appreciated by those

whom the library labors to serve, and from whom it must derive its support, I must feel that their support would be more generous. From the time the Library started, in 1868, we have kept more lists of all the books, arranged for different purposes in different order, than most people would deem necessary, but not more than the experience of all these years has justified. Much of the work has been done after library hours. In future you will need more assistants than we have ever yet had.

RECEPTION AND PREPARATION OF BOOKS FOR CIRCULATION.

When a parcel of books is first received the titles, editions, and prices are carefully *compared with the invoice*, and each item is checked off if correct; or if not, proper remarks are noted. Then each book is carefully *compared with the stock of books on hand*, to see that no needless duplicates are retained. Of course if duplicates are required each is numbered, or if improved editions are purchased this is noted. Then the books themselves are *collated*. That is, each book is looked through to see that no parts, plates, or signatures are missing or in wrong places, or that there are no other mechanical imperfections in the book.

The books are then *entered in the "accessions catalogue"* and each given its proper *accession number*. This we place in red ink on the back of the title page. In this catalogue we enter: (1) the date of accession, (2) the name of the author, (3) the title with sufficient fullness to identify the book, with (4) the number of the volume or volumes, and (5) the number of the edition, if not the first, (6) the name of the place where published, (7) the name of the publisher and (8) the date of publication, (9) the number of volumes or copies purchased, (10) the size of the book, (11) the number and character of the illustrations, (12) the kind of binding, (13) the name of the booksellers of whom purchased, (14) the price and (15) the source from whence the funds were derived. If the book is *given*, in place of the last three items (16) the name of the *giver* is recorded. All these facts are noted of each book in a single line running across the two opposite pages of a large book prepared for the purpose. This record never needs to be changed for any book, although the location of the book may be changed several times.

The *location* (17) of each book, when determined, is noted also in pencil in a column near the center of the book; in pencil, so that it can easily be changed; near the center of the open book, so that the pencil marks may not be easily erased.

When the book is thus "accessioned" it is ready to have its *leaves cut*, to be *stamped*, to receive the *library plates*, to be *covered*, if likely to pass rapidly from house to house in circulation, or, if more likely to be used in the library or by people used to the careful handling of books, it receives (without being covered with paper) upon the back and sides *labels* showing the library's ownership and its location number.

The book is now ready to be *catalogued*, as we say. Cards are written; one, the *author card*, starting with the name of the author if known, with all parts of his name in full if they can be found, followed by the title and imprint. Space is reserved on each card on the left for the location number and the name of the class and sub-class to which the book belongs. The other card, called the *subject card*, starts on the upper line on the left with the name of the subject. Two lines are always reserved for classification. Then follow author and title, much as on the other card. Sometimes the title hardly even hints at the subject of the book; so, as such books will certainly be called for by title, a *title card* is written, in which the first word of title (not an article) leads on the first line. Some books are written by several authors or on several subjects. Then the book must be *analyzed*, as it is called; that is, a card written for each author and for each subject or branch of subject. As many as fifty cards have been written for a single volume. The cataloguers must have frequent reference to bibliographical dictionaries, or other bibliographical works, to make the catalogue full and accurate. It can never be certain how much time the cataloguing of a book may take, whether a few minutes or a whole day. The work to be of any value must be complete. Aids in this work, however, are being rapidly multiplied, and already exist in such numbers that one almost wonders how in the early days even of our library the work could have been done at all. Some authors, even those that have much to say that is worth our learning, exercise such ingenuity in inventing misleading and catchy titles, hide

their real names under such meaningless pseudonyms as to sorely try the skill and patience of the humble cataloguer who is looking for the simple truth. Thus, much time is uselessly lost.

When the set of cards is written for the public catalogue in which they are to be arranged, like the words of a dictionary, in one continuous alphabet, including both authors, titles, and subjects, and duplicates are made for the "office catalogue," with such differences as it is not necessary to describe here, the book is ready to receive its *location*.

With us this is roughly by subject, somewhere near its kindred books, where its size will agree with the shelves, as ours are unfortunately *fixed*. The book is then numbered on the back and inside the cover, on the book plate, with the number of the shelf, followed with the next consecutive number on the shelf to the one last located. This number thus fixed is the number,—the *name*, as it were,—by which the book is ever after known in the Library, unless it is unfortunately found necessary to change it to some new location.

The late William F. Poole (about the time we started our Library in 1868), then in charge of the Boston Athenæum, claimed that it made little difference where a book was located on the shelves, provided it found its proper place among the classes of the catalogue. Then, people did not expect to go to the shelves, and, if a book were called for by its *location number*, any boy or girl could, in a few hours, learn to find it, even in the largest library. If we had proper movable shelves throughout the Library we might, with advantage, however, change our fixed locations to more rational and movable relative locations. This we hope to do when by private donation or municipal appropriation we have the book room supplied with new shelving to replace that moved over from the old library.

When the book has been located and the cards properly marked to indicate this location, and this entered in the *shelf list*, it is ready to be *bulletined*. Or, thin slips might have been written for the bulletin when the book was catalogued. The book is then placed on the ledge near the desk and exhibited where all readers may for a few days examine it, and, if desirous of an early perusal, may leave their names in *order* for it.

The *list of new books*, theoretically published each week in the local paper, is then to be prepared, or, if not to be then published, prepared for the bulletin board. On the publication of the list containing it, the book is ready to be launched; that is, delivered to the first one who has left an order for it, or to the first one who calls for it.

In following this process, which is essentially the same for each book, and is the course pursued in all the best of the large libraries, we have *written out* at least *five distinct catalogues*, the "accession," the "title," the "author," the "subject," the "shelf," the "bulletin," to say nothing of the "analytic," or "printer's" yearly manuscript catalogue.

The "accessions catalogue" preserves the history of each book put into the library, and is in constant requisition during the ordinary business of the library.

The "shelf-lists" are our inventory of stock on hand, and enable us to determine from the number of a book its author and title and proper number in the accessions catalogue. The shelf-lists are necessary in any examination of the library. The "card catalogues" I hope are well understood now, together, they form a perfect dictionary catalogue for constant reference.

PRINTED BULLETINS.

The use of frequent printed bulletins in the local paper, we have learned the use of; we have not prepared special lists of books by subjects. *If the town will authorize the printing*, we will prepare say a list of all our "fiction and children's books." Perhaps it would be better to begin with a list of "History, biography, travels, and geography."

This subject is properly presented here, it seems to me, for the simple, practical question is, would the public find such lists of sufficient use to themselves to justify printing them. From my point of view, and in the light of the experience of other libraries, it seems to me foolish not to do it. The unwisdom is of the kind practised by the trader who fills his store with choice goods, but takes no pains to tell would-be customers that he has something worth while for them to buy. If this is to be done, or if other lists are to be printed, a special appropriation should be made for the purpose.

DONATIONS.

The donations to the library this year have been constant and of value. The list of donors is given in Appendix II., with the number of books and pamphlets given by each.

In addition to the supply of two copies of each weekly issue of the *Enterprise*, the publisher, Mr. Fred. G. Barker, has presented the library, each year, with a bound volume of all the year's numbers. He has also continued to supply the library with a large number of papers and other periodicals from his exchanges. These prove quite an addition to the reading matter of the lower room.

Mr. Charles A. Stearns, of East Watertown, has continued his gifts of electrical and mechanical journals. The number is reported in the appendix.

The Magazine Club continues to send us their entire supply of magazines as soon as they have passed through the hands of their members.

We are indebted to the publishers of the *Waltham Free Press*, the *Newton Graphic*, the *Newton Journal*, and now the *Cambridge Tribune*, for the regular numbers of these neighboring local papers, which frequently contain matter of special interest to our townsmen.

The Hollingsworth & Whitney Company have continued their gift of covering-paper, as well as a constant supply of fresh paste.

A STORE-ROOM.

Some immediate relief from the crowded condition of some of our alcoves might be obtained by finishing off a store-room with shelves in the basement, beyond the Trustees' room. This is a matter of trifling extra expense. A hundred and fifty dollars would probably suffice for this.

A CHILDREN'S ROOM.

In Brookline, last year, and now in Cambridge, the Public Library has had a separate room provided and fitted up for the use of children. In this way the regular reading-rooms are kept free for the use of adults. As we do not practically forbid the presence of any on account of youth, so long as they show themselves able to preserve a reasonable degree of quiet, it happens

that either our readers are sometimes disturbed by the thoughtlessness of youth or too much of the time of attendants is required to keep the room in order. The children might be provided with books more suitable to their wants in a separate room, if we had it.

This room could well be prepared in the basement of the new wing, which I spoke of in my last report as being desirable for a Trustees' room and art room and historical room. Now, the town has seen fit to adopt the Park act, it will probably desire to extend the park to Cross street. If it could have done this in season to accept Mr. Samuel Walker's offer of his lot for the purpose, the Library would have had a clear field on that side for a comparative small expenditure. Although this would beautify the surroundings of the Library, and so be desirable for the town, I should look for a moderate extension of the building in that direction as the most pressing need of the library. The room on the main floor I would have large enough for a board of trustees twice as large as it is at present. It should hold in wall cases all our more rare and expensive books, all our most richly-illustrated works. It might contain our collection of local history, might be the meeting place of our town Historical Society. It could be made most useful to the library, and yet spared one evening a month to the special use of a society that would do so much to foster an interest in and encourage a knowledge of the best in our town history. The wing should contain a vault or safe for the preservation of valuable documents.

The architects approve of such an extension of the building. It would improve the appearance of that side toward the town, and would be of great convenience, as I have shown, to the library itself.

How easy it would be for some wealthy man or woman to leave five or ten thousand dollars for such a purpose! How glad we should all be to ever associate with such a room his blessed memory.

A LOSS TO THE LIBRARY.

Shall I seem to go beyond my duty if I remind the town of what I so well knew, the great interest of our late trustee, Rev. Father Stack. He would like to have seen the build-

ing larger and the fullest provision for the reading of all the people. He probably had his doubts of the usefulness of certain books, sometimes expressed his mind as doubtful of the use of some controversial works, but had firm faith in the spread of sound knowledge, and did probably more than any other to see that his people, especially the young, should get the full benefit of the library.

PRINTED SUPPLEMENTS.

The card catalogue is kept finished up to date. Its great convenience is confessed by those who have learned to use it. The increasing number of our printed supplements—now thirteen—has made them as part of a full printed catalogue almost useless, because of the time required to look through so many alphabets. Ten is about the limit of human patience. We passed that limit some three years since. Each new supplement, it is true, is useful for a while in showing the people of the town the last year's accessions, for the circulation is each year greatest during the month immediately after the distribution of reports with the supplementary catalogue. And this would suggest the value of a half-yearly list for like distribution as well.

DO ALL USE THE LIBRARY?

One of our most respected citizens asked at the last town meeting, "Who reads a book from our Public Library?" The orator himself would be delighted to know how large a proportion of the families of the town take out books. It might be a wise thing to make a canvas of the town and find by enquiry from house to house just how many and which families in town take out books. Many are reached through their children. As a matter of record, as we have shown, over 42,000 volumes, besides many used in the reading-rooms and not counted, were used the last year. This is more than five volumes on the average to every man, woman and child in town. This number is low compared with what it might be, but it is high compared with the greatest numbers of the most favored communities. This proportion would give the Boston library a circulation much larger than it has, a circulation of two and a half million volumes. It would give Cambridge a circulation of over 400,000, Newton

nearly 150,000, Waltham a circulation of 120,000. If we had free deliveries, as I have recommended in former reports, at Mt. Auburn and at Bemis, our books would be used in still larger numbers, and those who help support the library would enjoy more nearly equal advantages. The fact is that our circulation has always been large *per capita* compared with the most favored cities or towns. But we must now wake up and increase our facilities, or many of them will leave us behind. They are increasing more rapidly than we.

But numbers alone signify little. The library, although doing far less than it is capable of doing, has a considerable number of students. Its rooms are used as places of study. Its best work I feel is to furnish sources of information,—is its work as a reference library.

CONCLUSION.

Thanking you and the town for the courtesy and co-operation long continued in a work in which I yield to none in honesty of purpose or strength of desire to do the best possible for the town,—a work in which, doubtless, I have made many mistakes during the past twenty-seven years,—I may say that I am conscious that whatever I do more must be done soon, and without your continued efficient help will not be done at all. It must not be wondered at if I feel impatient to see desired improvements begun. Nearly half of those who have ever served on the various boards of Trustees, nearly all of those with whom I began the work of the library, in 1867 and 1868,* have closed their labors here and have gone to their reward. May the spirit which animated the early boards of Trustees and their supporters ever preserve and minister to the growth of the library. We should not be content to merely supply the means of continued life to the institution which they created. We should put new life into its administration, should enlarge and energize its collection of printed material, and see to it that the library is made effective with a larger proportion of the people.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SOLON F. WHITNEY, *Librarian*.

* See list of officers of the library for the past twenty-seven years, on page 4.

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APPENDIX I. USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	YEARS.									
	1885	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	15,791	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,694	21,472	22,194	22,431
Increase during the year.....	735	796	1,130	788	407	653	1,129	778	723	237
Increase by purchase.....	664	654	613	565	269	363	749	253	387	318
Increase by gift.....	67	105	517	101	220	127	148	216	179	89
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	4	111		112		163	243	229	211	124
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....							62	80	5	2
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates	74				82		78		60	296
Total number of pamphlets & papers in the Library.	13,094	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369	19,751
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation	960	1,155	1,059	1,041	1,091	1,063	1,094	1,188	613	616
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund					1,680	1,948	2,216	3,285	3,188	3,114
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift.....	550	836	1,423	2,539	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194	1,848
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	8	1,549	2,149	2,149	3,008	4,320	4,536	5,335	4,492	14,196
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.	4,326	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236	6,539	6,794
Total number of volumes issued.....	30,304	31,998	34,251	37,810	37,435	35,640	34,939	35,101	35,037	42,083
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....	27,089	29,362	30,395	33,014	32,961	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,908	33,033
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room	3,215	2,636	3,856	4,796	4,474	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128	9,050
Number of books covered.....	3,552	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,521	4,200	4,676	4,605	5,207
Money received for catalogues.....	\$6.50	\$6.78	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05	\$4.60
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.	\$6.91	110.65	115.12	121.59	113.28	123.68	139.13	131.39	120.74	112.64

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC., GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1894.

DONORS.	Vols.	Pamphlets and Papers.
Acton Memorial Library.....		1
American Metrological Society.....		1
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register"		52
Amherst College.....		7
Andover Memorial Library.....		1
Arlington, Robbins Library....		1
Baldwin, Edw. D., editor "Newton Graphic".....		52
Barker, F. G., "Watertown Enterprise," etc.....	1	495
Barry, Mrs. C. J.....	4	12
Belt, Miss Dixie.....		12
Boston City Registrar.....	1	1
Boston Public Library.....		20
Boston Record Commissioners ..	1	
Bradford, Mrs. R. A.....		5
Brockton Public Library.....		1
Brookline Public Library.....		2
Brooklyn Library... ..		1
Cambridge Public Library.....		1
Catholic Summer School, Board of Trustees.....		2
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Children of Shalam, Trustee for the.	1	
Cincinnati Public Library.....		1
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Free Public Library.....		1
Cobden Club, London.....		2
College of New Jersey, Princeton.....	1	
Colligan, Charles E.....	1	
Concord Public Library.....		1
Coolidge, Austin J.....		6
Currier, Charles G.....		1
Draper, Hon. Wm. F., M. C.....	4	
Dawes, Hon. E. L., "Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office".....		56
Ensign, Charles S.....		2

Ewing, Thomas.....		1
Fall River Public Library.....		1
Field Columbian Museum, F. J. V. Skiff, director.....		1
Flagler, Gen. D. W.....	1	
Foster, Wm. E., Librarian Providence, R. I., Public Library.....		1
Goodwin, Charles B.....		42
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		2
Griswold, James R.....		1
Hall, F. Stanhope, <i>editor</i> , "Cambridge Tribune".....		52
Hapgood, Warren.....	1	
Harris, Hon. Wm. T., United States Commissioner of Education.....	1	
Harvard Public Library.....	1	
Harvard University.....	1	2
Hayes, John S., Librarian Somerville Public Library...		1
Helena, Mont., Public Library.....		14
Hoar, Hon. George F., <i>Senator</i>	1	1
Home Market Club.....		15
Hopedale Public Library.....		1
Indian Rights Association.....		3
Ingraham, Wm. H.....		1
Lawrence Public Library.....		5
Learned, Mrs. S. S.....	1	
Lenox Library.....		1
Leominster, Mass., Library.....		1
Leyton, England, Public Library....		1
Lodge, Henry Cabot.....		1
Los Angeles Public Library.....		1
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Malden Public Library.....		1
Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station.....	1	12
Mass. Board of Agriculture.....	2	
Mass. Civil Service Commission.....	1	
Mass. Free Public Library Commission.....		1
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	24	2
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		12
Mass. Trustees of Public Reservations.....		1
Mead, Dr. J. A.....	1	28
Medford Public Library.....		1
Melrose Public Library.....		1
Millwaukee Public Library.....		1
Natick, Morse Institute.....		1
National Civil Service Reform League.....		1
National Divorce Reform League.....		2

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New Bedford Free Public Library.....		1
New England Tariff Reform League.....		2
New York, Maimonides Library.....		1
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....		1
Newton Free Library.....		1
Oliver Ditson Co., "Musical Record".....		12
Page, Mrs. H. P.....	1	
Peabody Institute, Danvers, Mass.....		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.....		2
Pierce, W. L. G., Librarian, Lincoln, Mass.....		1
Philadelphia Free Library.....		1
Philbrook, Rev. H. A.....	2	
Portland, Ore., Library Association.....		9
Pratt, George H., editor and publisher, "Newton Journal"		52
Pullman, George M.....		1
Richardson, Mrs. S., estate of.....	4	
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.....	2	1
St. Paul Public Library.....		1
Salem Public Library.....		1
Smithsonian Institution.....	7	1
Springfield City Library Association.....		13
Starbuck, Alex., editor and publisher, "Waltham Daily Free Press.....		304
Stearns, Charles A.....	2	55
Taunton Public Library.....		1
Tokyo, Japan, Public Library.....		1
Travelers' Insurance Co., "Travelers' Record".....		12
Tufts College.....	1	16
Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.....		1
United States Bureau of Education.....	1	3
United States Bureau of Ethnology.....	4	5
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1	
United States Department of Agriculture.....		6
United States Department of Interior.....	1	3
United States Department of Treasury.....	6	
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	
United States Life-Saving Service.....	1	
United States Mint, R. E. Preston, director.....	1	
Unknown.....		24
Vanderbilt, George W.....		1
Voorhees, Hon. D. W.....		52
W. B. Clarke & Co.....		1
Waltham City Clerk.....	1	1
Waltham Public Library.....		1

Watertown, Committee of Publication "Watertown Records".....	2	
Watertown Magazine Club.....		392
Welsh, Herbert.....		3
Weymouth, Tufts Library.....		2
Wheeler, George, Mendocino City.....		1
White-Smith Music Publishing Co., "Folio".....		12
Whitney, S. F.....	1	15
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Osterhout Free Library.....		12
Woburn Public Library.....		1
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal"		50
Worcester Free Public Library.....		1
Wright, Carroll D., Commissioner of Labor.....	3	

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Those not found in the Reading-rooms may be called for at the Desk.

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| Arena. | Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports. |
| Athenæum, London. | Musical Record. |
| Atlantic Monthly. | N. E. Historical and Gen. Register. |
| Blackwood's Magazine. | New England Magazine. |
| Boston Public Library Bulletins. | Newton Graphic. |
| Cambridge Tribune. | Newton Journal. |
| Catholic World. | New World. |
| Century Magazine. | Nineteenth Century. |
| Christian Register. | North American Review. |
| Contemporary Review. | Notes and Queries (London.) |
| Critic. | Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office. |
| Dublin Review. | Our Dumb Animals. |
| Edinburg Review. | Punch. |
| English Illustrated Magazine. | Quarterly Review. |
| Fliegende Blätter. | Review of Reviews. |
| Folio. | Scribner's Monthly Magazine. |
| Fortnightly Review. | Specifications and Drawings of Patents from the U.S. Patent Office. |
| Forum. | Springfield Library Bulletin. |
| Gartenlaube. | Travelers' Record. |
| Good Words. | Tuftonian. |
| Harper's Magazine. | Union Signal. |
| Harvard Univ. Library Bulletin. | Unitarian. |
| Home Market Bulletin. | Waltham Daily Free Press. |
| Library Journal. | Watertown Enterprise. |
| Library News Letter. | Wellesley Review. |
| Life (N. Y.) | Woman's Journal. |
| Literary News. | |
| Literary World. | |

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN MAGAZINE CLUB.

Atlantic Monthly.
 Century.
 Cosmopolitan.
 Forum.
 Graphic (London.)
 Harper's Bazaar.
 Harper's Weekly.

Life.
 New England Magazine.
 North American Review.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scribner's Monthly.
 Season (London.)

PERIODICALS PURCHASED FROM THE INCOME OF THE
ASA PRATT FUND.

American Architect.
 American Agriculturist.
 American Artisan.
 American Machinist.
 American Naturalist.
 Appalachia.
 Art Amateur.
 Boston Advertiser.
 Boston Globe.
 Boston Herald. (Evening Edition.)
 Boston Evening Journal.
 Boston Evening Transcript.
 Carpentry and Building.
 Chambers' Journal.
 Chautauquan.
 • Decorator and Furnisher.
 Education.
 Electrical Engineer.
 Engineering, London.
 Harper's Magazine.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Harper's Young People.
 Illustrated London News.
 Journal of Education.

Journal of Franklin Institute.
 Kindergarten Magazine.
 Lend-a-Hand.
 Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper.
 London Weekly Times.
 Manufacturer and Builder.
 Massachusetts Ploughman.
 Metal Worker.
 Nation (N. Y.)
 New York Herald, daily, including
 the Sunday edition.
 New York Tribune, semi-weekly.
 Outing.
 Photographic Times.
 Popular Science Monthly.
 Poultry World.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scientific American.
 Scientific American, Builder's' Edi-
 tion.
 Scientific American Supplement.
 Shoppell's Modern Houses.
 Textile Manufacturer.
 Youth's Companion. (2 copies.)

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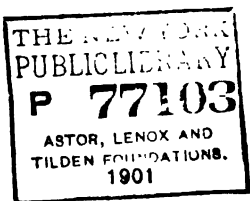
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MABEL F. LEARNED, assistant, 1890—.
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MARGARET B. WHITNEY, occasional assistant.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Public Library report a year of no extraordinary outlay in any direction, but a year in which the handsome building devoted to the intellectual improvement of the people of the town has been, with its furnishings and surroundings and equipment kept in good order and in good repair. The increase of volumes by purchase has been moderate in number but good in quality. The liberal provision of periodicals for both reading rooms has been maintained. Many of these periodicals are promptly bound, as volumes are completed, and occupy permanent places upon the shelves of the library.

The details of the circulation of books will be found in the report of the Librarian. The increase in the use of books and of the reading rooms noted one year ago seems to be well maintained.

The Trustees aim at an economical administration of all that belongs to the library work, and a wise and moderate expenditure for new books each year, but beyond this there is constantly in their minds the desire to increase facilities and to devise methods by which a larger number of our people may be attracted to the Library and be led to make use of its valuable treasures.

For the coming year the Trustees ask for a grant of thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars, and the dog tax. Fifty dollars more than last year.

Respectfully submitted, by vote of the Trustees,

GEORGE E. PRIEST, *Chairman.*

**Statement of the Amount Received and Expended by the
Trustees for the Year 1895-96.**

Received from town appropriation,	\$3,200 00
" " dog tax,	475 94
" " sale of cataloges, fines and lost books,	130 75
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	\$3,806 69
Paid out for	
Books, \$782.30; binding, 437.11,	\$1,219 41
Periodicals, (one-third of these circulate as books),	152 08
Postage and box rent,	\$11.96
Printing and stationery,	\$49 52
Repairs on building, and furniture,	76 53
Express, \$10.76; sundries, \$5.98,	16 74
Light and fixtures, \$219.12; fuel, \$163.25,	382 37
Reseeding part of lawn,	11 40
Care of building, grounds, etc.,	259 95
Salaries and extra labor,	1,625 05
Returned to the town,	1 68
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	\$3,806 69

HERBERT COOLIDGE, *Treasurer.*

Statement of the Condition of the Asa Pratt Fund.

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees,	\$5,000 00
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on deposit in the Watertown Sav- ings Bank, Feb. 1, 1895,	\$914 80
Received interest on Bond to December, 1895,	250 00
" " " deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	35 92
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	\$1,200 72
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librar'n, for periodicals,	\$150 00
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1896.	1,050 72
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	\$1,200 72

H. W. OTIS,
Treasurer of Trustees of Asa Pratt Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees:

GENTLEMEN,— The rules of the Library and common custom require me to make an annual report of the condition of the property under my charge and to place it in the hands of your Chairman at this time.

The condition of the Library building and Reading rooms with their contents is good. The building is in a good state of repair, and while the reading rooms have suffered only from ordinary wear, some changes have been made in shelves and furnishings which will make them pleasanter to visitors and will afford some conveniences to readers which they will appreciate.

In the management of these rooms, your Librarian has ever sought to use the discretion allowed him in such manner as to secure the largest liberty to individual readers, with the use of the privileges of the whole Library to each one, to the greatest extent compatible with the condition of good order for which you, under the rules, hold him responsible.

An increasing number have shown by their use of the rooms a proper sense of appreciation of the value of the privileges and of the treasures placed at their command.

The card catalogue kept arranged constantly including even the latest purchases — under one alphabet — is growing in favor and appreciation as shown by its use. The fourteenth supplement to the catalogue published in 1881, is published as an appendix to this report. This shows in alphabetical arrangement under authors, titles, subjects, all the purchases and gifts of the past year; it forms also the fourteenth number of the supplementary catalogue. This series of supplements as a whole, however, it must be confessed, with its fourteen separate alphabets, is so exasperatingly tedious as to be of little practical value as a part of the printed catalogue of the Library. Of this we will speak again.

The first appendix shows that the whole number of volumes now belonging to the Library has reached the total of 23,352, a gratifying increase during the year of 921 volumes. From the increase of 6,248 unbound periodicals and other pamphlets, 3,174 have been bound, making an addition of 269 volumes to the 508 volumes purchased, and the 117 given by national, state, and municipal governments, and by the generosity of private individuals, while 27 volumes have been received in exchange for duplicates.

It will be seen that the amount in the hands of the Trustees of the Asa Pratt Fund has increased somewhat beyond the expectation of the founder of the fund, and the question may arise whether a part of this accumulation may not properly be used in binding and preserving in more permanent form the store of periodicals of very great value to working students, which it was the purpose of the fund to provide.

The Magazine Club continues to give the Library, after a month's use among its members, all the periodicals to which it subscribes. This has added 327 numbers of the most popular and interesting periodicals during the past year for use in the Library and for circulation among the citizens of the town.

The publishers of the Watertown *Enterprise*, the Waltham *Free Press*, the Newton *Journal*, the Newton *Graphic*, and the Cambridge *Tribune*, have sent copies of their several papers promptly on being published each week, and these are read by a large number of our people. The Watertown *Enterprise* has made constant donations of interesting papers from its exchanges, and has published quite regularly, lists of new books added to the Library. To say that all this service has been without charge, is, I hope, an added argument, if any of our people need such an argument, why all should help themselves and help the town by helping to support our only local paper.

The Union Paper Bag Company through its local manager, Mr. Wm. A. Lingham, has supplied to the Library without expense to the town the paper with which its books are kept covered and kept presentable for use.

Among the additions made to the Library the past year are some which from their cost must be used in the Library rooms. Tables in the book room are kept for the use of those people who wish either to examine such books as these or who wish to consult our increasing files of bound periodicals, or being engaged in research, require the use of a number of volumes at one time.

The North American review now shows the long line of 161 volumes, complete from the beginning in 1815. The Edinburgh review, complete from 1802, has 182 volumes. The Quarterly review has 180 volumes. Littell, with its wealth of articles copied from the wide range of foreign periodicals, has now 207 volumes. We have a complete set of Harper's magazine numbering 91 volumes in each reading room, and also a like set for circulation for home reading. To make a list of our bound periodicals would be to repeat a large part of the list of current periodicals in Appendix III., with additions.

Among the larger and more expensive works added the past year is a set of "Johnson's Cyclopædia" of the new edition published by the Appletons. This new edition, it is claimed, has been almost wholly rewritten, with descriptions and statistics brought down ten or twenty years later than in the former edition. That part of the elaborate geographical work by Elisée Reclus, entitled "The Earth and its Inhabitants," which treats of Europe, and filling five large volumes, is one of this year's additions. It should be seen to be appreciated, with its maps, plans, and views of places and buildings and physical features. "Watt's Dictionary of chemistry" is now complete in four volumes. This brings down to the present the facts of a science that needs to have much of its literature wholly rewritten each decade. It represents the latest results of chemical research, is a cyclopædia of latest chemical knowledge, a treasury for those able to understand it. Hubert Howe Bancroft's "The book of the fair",* in two folio volumes, fully illustrated, far surpasses in

* The Book of the Fair, an historical and descriptive presentation of the World's science, art, and industry, as viewed through the Columbian Exposition at Chicago, in 1893. Designed to set forth the display made by the Congress of Nations, of human achievement in material form, so as the more effectually to illustrate the progress of mankind in all the departments of civilized life. By Hubert Howe Bancroft. Chicago and San Francisco, Bancroft Company, publishers, 1893.

variety of matter and completeness and beauty of illustration all other works giving a history and description of the Columbian World's fair, held at Chicago.

You have added the Riverside editions of Ralph Waldo Emerson's works, in twelve volumes, and of John Burrough's works, in ten volumes, also the beautiful "Thistle" edition of Robert Louis Stevenson's works, in sixteen volumes. "A cyclopædia of works of architecture in Italy, Greece, and the Levant," edited by Wm. P. P. Longfellow, and published by C. Scribner's Sons, in 1895, is a series of descriptions of buildings of these countries where the art of architecture perhaps reached its highest expression. These descriptions will be found arranged alphabetically under the name of the city in which the buildings were erected, with a wealth and beauty of illustration. There are twelve full page photo-gravures, and two hundred and fifty (256) smaller illustrations, all from photographs. This work, pleasing to any eye, will be particularly valuable to any student wishing for exact information on this subject. Larned's "History for ready reference and topical reading," in five large octavo volumes, will be of use to students.

The last of the additions which I will mention here is a work for which a number of teachers petitioned a few years since, and of which we have had a single number since January, 1879, "Racinet's Costume historique." The text is in French but the illustrations will be intelligible to any student of history and will prove a stimulus to the imagination in reproducing the costumes of different ages, different lands, different conditions. Of the five hundred plates, three hundred are printed in colors, in gold, or in silver, and all have full explanations which give not only the clothing worn, but ornaments, frequently the arms and armour, and sometimes the interiors and exteriors of the buildings occupied at widely different times and places. This must prove of value to students of history who would try to get beyond mere names and statistics.

By reference to the financial statement, it will be seen that over four hundred dollars (\$437.11) has been spent for binding

269 volumes of periodicals, and in rebinding 308 books which, from use, required rebinding. And yet none of the files of local papers have been bound as recommended in the last report. It would be well to increase the appropriation for this purpose by a hundred dollars or more, that files of papers that will in the future be valuable for the local history, which they contain, may be preserved for use.

What was said last year in regard to printed bulletins and a supplementary catalogue should be kept in mind. The desirability of lists of books of the several classes most in request is constantly impressed upon us. The need of a second volume of the printed catalogue must be felt by those chiefly who make their selection of books at home. The printing of such a volume it is estimated would cost six or eight hundred dollars. In the Librarian's room is a set of catalogue cards from which the printing could be begun at a week's notice of all titles added since the main catalogue was printed in 1881.

I have given considerable time and attention, especially during the past year, to the lower reading-room and the problems there to be solved. I have come to some conclusions as the result of our experience. It does not seem wise to leave the room, without an attendant, to be occupied by persons of all ages, especially by children. It is too much for untrained and irresponsible human nature to expect that the best results will be reached without direction or control. It is not so looked for in the schools, on the street, in business, in fact, anywhere.

That adults may have uninterrupted use of the reading-rooms and their contents, it would seem desirable to provide for the children elsewhere. We have at present no suitable room where they may be properly accommodated. If the desired addition to the building could be made, as we explained in last year's report, making a Trustee's room which could very properly be used for our Historical Society for their monthly meetings and for works of local history and for valuable reference books, it would give in the basement a very suitable room for children, whom you know I have ever tried to accommodate. Here

should be collected our children's books and children's periodicals. If no wealthy person feels like giving this to the library, as I have always hoped, would not the town do well to build it?

I would recommend that the age at which children be admitted to the privileges of the library be changed from thirteen years to twelve years, as in Boston, or until they reach *one of the two upper classes in the grammar schools*, and that those younger be not allowed in the reading-rooms without their parents or guardians. We have had practically no rule restricting the use of the library on account of age. The library we have always delighted to think was *open to all*. But when children who are not old enough to know that clean, dry hands only should handle valuable books, crowd out adults for whom the town makes no other provision, we must confess that the line of exclusion must be drawn somewhere.

Doubtless, architecture and beautiful furnishings have good effect upon even the thoughtless. There is a subtle and constant influence flowing from the presence of such a chaste and beautiful building, for instance, as the new Francis school-house, which we feel should render unnecessary special monitors to keep good order. Doubtless, however, the School Committee will deem it a wise and an economical provision to put a competent person in charge in each room to give emphasis to this influence. I hope the town will give you the means with which to hire a constant attendant in the lower reading-room. The upper reading-room can be looked after by the attendant at the delivery desk, with perhaps the help of a boy or girl to run for books.

I would suggest the extension of the book cases in both reading-rooms, and the putting into these of useful books of reference. With the smaller children provided for elsewhere, these rooms will be used more and more by those able to profit by much larger collections of books even than we have now. We might place here a part of our accumulations of bound periodicals, a very valuable set of books for this purpose. These represent the work of the best brains of all lands, and are, by Poole's index and its continuations, made almost as serviceable to the average reader as dictionaries and cyclopædias.

In regard to the coöperation of the public library with the public schools, much needs to be said.

It will be seen by referring to Appendix I., that while the circulation of the library for home use has gone beyond that of any previous year, that there has been a falling off during the year in the number used in the library building of nearly one-third of those so used the preceding year. Nor does this represent the whole of the difference; for while the number of children frequenting the reading-rooms has been largely in excess of previous years, it is noticeable that they have done less systematic study in the looking up of information and have spent more of their time in the casual reading of periodicals and the bound volumes accessible without calling upon the attendants. While even such reading is to be encouraged in place of no reading at all, we have longed for some more systematic and determined efforts on the part of teachers such as began to be apparent last year. We do not wish to be understood as casting any blame on our conscientious and hard-worked corps of teachers, who doubtless must claim pressure of other more present duties, but to call attention to the need of more general, more energetic, and more systematic efforts, probably requiring more information on what is being wrought in other places, perhaps a deeper feeling in the community of the great importance of that instruction and direction of immature minds that will teach the young how to read with purpose and effect. Perhaps you may be able by conference with the School Committee to bring about some plan of coöperation on some larger, more comprehensive scale, and in more systematic manner than that found possible by the efforts of your librarian and individual teachers. You have taken the lead of many of the larger neighboring communities in granting privileges to teachers. You some years since granted to all teachers in town, both teacher's and pupil cards. These cards are used in some cases, though not to the extent which seemed possible at one time. On the "teacher's card" *six* such books may be issued as may be desired for the teacher's own preparation for her work; while on the "pupil cards" *ten* such books as the teacher may wish to show her pupils for illus-

tration or side help in their work may be taken. Besides these, the teacher, by gathering in the pupil's own cards on which two books each may be taken at a time, may obtain an almost unlimited number of books for use at any time in her school-room.

Teachers, it is true, are liable to the same conditions as others in regard to renewals or return of books and consequently to possible fines, but the Superintendent of Schools has generously arranged to pay all fines incurred in such work for the benefit of the schools on the teachers reporting such cases to him, and has at the expense of the school department by approval of the School Committee, replaced a few books lost while in use in the schools. The best of feeling is shown on all sides of helpfulness in this matter, but we must acknowledge the fact that the work fails of reaching that degree of success which we had begun to expect.

In a special report of the Boston School Committee,* published this present year a plan of coöperation of the Supervisors of the Public Schools and of the Librarian of the Public Library is given in which the part of the work to be done by the schools and the part to be done by the public library is quite minutely stated, and a request is made to the Common Council which votes supplies, for a special appropriation for the purchase of books and the means of forwarding these to the schools.

If a similar plan should be formed here and if the town should grant its financial aid in very limited extent even, our town might reap the advantage of this advance.

The plan submitted to the Common Council and the people of Boston calls for the purchase of duplicate sets of reference and other books to be deposited at the Central Library in Copley Square and at each of the branches, of which there are many, one in each considerable section of the wide extended city. Lists of the books proposed are given in the appendix of the report. Anyone familiar with our library will, by consulting these lists, see at a glance that we have considerably more than half of them already. Our work in the library has from the

* School Document No. 14, 1895. Report of the Board of Supervisors on co-operation of the Public Library with the Public Schools. Boston, 1896.

first, been very much in this direction. Our library began with the creation of a teacher's reference library. It has grown through much of its history to be more and more a help to the young in their struggle for an education. If those who have been benefited in the past by its help while getting ready for the work which they so ably perform do not rise always in support of an extension of its privileges to others, if they do not in every way possible do their utmost to enlarge the scope of its influence and to furnish it with all possible means of doing for future work what its existence may rightly lead the young to expect, then ingratitude may indeed cause its hopes to wither, and the library, like the mother of base sons must languish in shame and confusion for want of proper recognition and support.

We cannot believe that those who have well supported the library in the past will withhold any means needed to enable it to make this or any other desired step in advance.

In the city of Boston the plan calls for an appropriation of \$12,000 the first year, and less than one-third as much each year afterward. In our town like benefits might be obtained, since our community is so compact, by an expenditure, say one-twentieth or even one-thirtieth as large. This would call for not over four or six hundred dollars the first year and less than two hundred dollars a year afterward. The cost, it seems to me, is very small in comparison with the great advantages which would be secured to all young readers.

I am not sure that the establishment of an agency for the distribution of books at Mt. Auburn, which I judge from the expressed desire of many who occasionally take books in that neighborhood, would be accepted as a grateful act on the part of the town, might be accomplished with very little additional expense. The existence of a branch of the Cambridge Public Library just across the street from the Mt. Auburn post office naturally raises the question in many minds whether it might not be better on the whole to seek annexation to a municipality where in this respect, and probably in all other respects they might argue, they would enjoy larger privileges. The town cannot afford to be too saving in such cases.

If I had heard similar requests from Bemis for extension of library privileges, I should have included Bemis. But the library is as near Bemis now as it is to the dwellers on Garfield street. While a dweller in the thickly settled village of Mt. Auburn tells me that the tax on him for car-fare besides the extra time required to go to the library is ten cents for each book, it is of little use to suggest that several cards might bring twice as many books for the same cost. I think the time has come to meet these people. The usefulness of the library by this means might be greatly extended.

If those who started the library, of which the whole town may be proud, — although I say it who perhaps should not, — had waited till the majority of the town had demanded it, it would probably not have existed to this day. Still, all who pay taxes must see that the probable benefits to the future of this town must be far in excess of the small expenditure required to establish and maintain this agency.

The team or express which carries each day, or even every other day, a box of books to the agency in response to calls, could leave a box at the East school house as well. The schools in the centre village might be sufficiently accommodated by so arranging that that all the classes of books to be provided, be kept in the library, and that this be opened an hour earlier each day, so that the children on leaving school at one o'clock could obtain the book or books required for the next day's work, or could look up the proper references before going to their homes.

I desire to help to make our educational advantages so good here in our own town that parents will not be led at increased expense of time and money to send their children out of town. Let us make all our educational facilities so great and so good that those who prefer to send to some other place will be the losers thereby.

The particular views and recommendations made in this as in former reports, may not be approved by those chosen to decide upon the details, the spirit of my suggestions however must meet a response in every patriotic heart, and the presentation of some

definite plans, even if not the best possible, may lead to discussion and the final adoption of plans even better.

I am reminded that the good work of free popular libraries goes bravely on in Massachusetts. When we began we were the forty-second town in the state having a free public library; now, of the 353 cities and towns in the state, only twenty-four are without a free public library, and some of these are otherwise supplied with books.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SOLON F. WHITNEY,

Librarian.

APPENDIX I. USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1886	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	16,587	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,694	21,472	22,194	22,431	23,352
Increase during the year.....	796	1,130	788	407	653	1,129	778	722	237	921
Increase by purchase.....	654	613	565	269	363	749	253	387	318	508
Increase by gift.....	106	517	101	220	127	148	216	179	89	116
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	111		112		163	243	229	211	124	269
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....						62	80	5	2	27
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates.....	74			82		78		60	296	
Total number of pamphlets and papers in the Library.....	13,536	16,022	17,453	21,658	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369	19,751	20,293
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation.....	1,155	1,059	1,041	1,091	1,083	1,094	1,188	613	616	630
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund.....				1,680	1,918	2,216	3,265	3,198	3,114	3,249
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift or exchange.....	836	1,423	2,539	4,512	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194	1,848	2,189
Of these were bound or exchanged or sold.....	1,549		2,149	3,008	4,320	4,536	5,335	4,492	14,196	5,526
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.....	4,585	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236	6,539	6,794	7,041
Number of new persons taking out cards.....	259	267	280	248	276	295	285	303	255	247
Total number of volumes issued.....	31,998	34,251	37,810	37,435	35,640	34,939	35,101	35,037	42,083	41,633
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....	29,362	30,895	33,044	32,981	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,909	33,033	35,181
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room.....	2,636	3,356	4,766	4,454	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128	9,050	6,453
Number of books covered.....	3,188	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,521	5,646	4,675	4,605	5,207	4,753
Money received for catalogues.....	\$5.78	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05	\$4.60	\$4.70
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APPENDIX II.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC., GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1895.

DONORS.	Pamphlets and Papers.	
	Vols.	Papers.
Abbott, John E.....	1	
Acton Memorial Library....		1
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register"..		52
American University Magazine Publishing Company...		12
Amherst College.....		1
Andover Memorial Library.....		1
Arlington, Robbins Library.....		1
Balch, E. S.....	2	
Baldwin, Edward D., <i>editor</i> "Newton Graphic".....		52
Barker, F. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc.</i>	1	548
Barry, Mrs. C. J., "Unitarian".....		12
Beach, Rev. D. N.....		3
Belt, Miss Dixie.....		3
Benneville, Dr. Jas. S. de.....		1
Blount College and University of Tennessee.....		1
Boston City Registrar.....	1	
Boston Park Commissioners.....	1	
Boston Public Library.....		4
Boston Record Commissioners.....	2	
Boston School Committee.....	1	1
Boys' Institute of Industry.....		1
Bradlee, Rev. Caleb D.....		1
Brookline Public Library.....		4
Brookline, (Mo.) Library.....		1
Brooklyn Library.....		2
Burbank, Miss Mary L.....	5	
Burlington (Vt.), Fletcher Free Library.....		1
Cambridge Public Library.....		1
Chandler, Frank.....	9	
Chelsea, Fitz Public Library.....		1
Chicago, Civic Federation of.....		1
Chicago, Newberry Library.....		1
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Cincinnati Public Library.....		1

Cobden Club, London.....		2
Cole, Rev. W. J., Andover House.....		8
Concord Public Library.....		1
Crunden, Fred. M., Librarian St. Louis Public Library		2
Danvers, Peabody Institute.....		1
Draper, Hon. Wm. F., "Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office," etc.....	8	55
Everett Public Library.....		1
Fall River Public Library.....		1
Field Columbian Museum, F. J. V. Skiff, director.....		5
Fitzgerald, Desmond.....	1	
Flagler, Gen. D. W.....	1	
Forbush, E. H.....		1
Gleason, S. S.....		3
Goodwin, Charles B.....		45
Gottsberger, Wm. S.....	1	
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public Library.....		1
Hall, F. Stanhope, <i>editor</i> , "Cambridge Tribune".....		52
Harris, Hon. Wm. T., U. S. Com. of Education.....	2	
Harvard University.....	4	
Helena, Mont., Public Library.....		5
Home Market Club.....		10
Hopedale Public Library.....		1
Indian Rights Association.....		4
Kendall, Francis.....		12
Kendall, J. H.....	14	139
Lancaster Town Library.....		1
Lawrence Public Library.....		4
Lenox Library, N. Y.....		1
Lingham, Wm. A.		1
Linton, Wm. S.....		1
Lummis, Chas. F., <i>editor</i> "Land of Sunshine".....		12
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Macmillan & Co., "Book Reviews".....		9
Macullar, Parker & Co.....	1	
Maguire, James G.....		1
Malden Public Library.....		2
Mann, Rev. Chas. H., <i>editor</i> , "New Church Messenger"		52
Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station.....	1	7
Mass. Civil Service Commission.....	1	1
Mass. Department G. A. R.....	1	
Mass. Institute of Technology.....		1
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	22	
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals		14
Mass. Trustees of Public Reservations.....		1
Medford Public Library.....		1

Mt. Holyoke College.....		1
Murray, William.....	1	
Natick, Morse Institute.....		1
New Bedford, Free Public Library.....		1
New Hampshire State Librarian.....	1	
New York, Maimonides Library.....		1
Newark, N. J., Free Public Library.....		1
Newton Free Library.....		1
Oliver Ditson Co., "Musical Record".....		12
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library.....		2
Peabody, Peabody Institute.....		1
Portland, Ore., Library Association.....		13
Pratt, Geo. H., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Journal".....		52
Preston, R. E., Director of the Mint.....	2	
Priest, Geo. E.....	2	
Providence Public Library.....		1
Rand, Rev. E. A.....	1	1
Rider, S. S.....		10
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.....		1
St. Louis Free Public Library.....		2
St. Paul Public Library.....		1
Salem Public Library.....		1
San Francisco Mercantile Library Association.....		1
Scranton, Pa., Public Library.....	1	2
Smithsonian Institution... ..	6	15
Somerville Public Library.....		1
Springfield City Library Association.....		14
Starbuck, Alex., <i>editor and publisher</i> , "Waltham Daily Free Press".....		305
Stearns, Charles A.....		3
Syracuse Central Library.....		1
Taunton Public Library.....		1
Tillinghast, Wm. H.....		1
Tokyo, Japan, Public Library.....		1
Travelers' Insurance Co., "Travelers' Record".....		12
Tufts College.....		23
United States Bureau of Education.....	2	
United States Bureau of the Mint.....		6
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1	
United States Department of Agriculture.....	5	78
United States Department of Interior.....	1	
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	
United States Life-Saving Service.....	1	
United States Light-house Board.....	3	
University of Pennsylvania.....	1	
Unknown.....		4

Waltham Public Library.....		10
Washington, Booker T.....		1
Watertown Magazine Club.....		327
Watkins, Walter K.....	2	
Werner Co., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
Weymouth, Tufts Library.....		2
White-Smith Music Publishing Co., "Folio".....		6
Whitney, Miss L. Louise.....		1
Whitney, S. F.....		19
Whittaker, Thomas.....	1	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Osterhout Free Library.....		12
Winchester Town Library.....		1
Woburn Public Library.....		1
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal".....		50
Worcester Free Public Library.....		1
Wright, Carroll D., Commissioner of Labor.....	1	1
Wright, Geo. S.....		1
Zullig, Arnold.....	2	

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Those not found in the Reading-rooms may be called for at the Desk.

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| American Historical Review. | Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports. |
| American University Magazine. | Musical Record. |
| Arena. | New Church Messenger. |
| Athenæum, London. | N. E. Historical and Gen. Register. |
| Atlantic Monthly. | New England Magazine. |
| Blackwood's Magazine. | Newton Graphic. |
| Boston Public Library Bulletins. | Newton Journal. |
| Cambridge Tribune. | New World. |
| Catholic World. | Nineteenth Century. |
| Century Magazine. | North American Review. |
| Christian Register. | Notes and Queries (London). |
| Contemporary Review. | Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent
Office. |
| Dublin Review. | Our Dumb Animals. |
| Edinburg Review. | Punch. |
| English Illustrated Magazine. | Quarterly Review. |
| Fliegende Blätter. | Review of Reviews. |
| Fortnightly Review. | Scribner's Monthly Magazine. |
| Forum. | Springfield Library Bulletin. |
| Good Words. | Travelers' Record. |
| Harper's Magazine. | Tuftonian. |
| Home Market Bulletin. | Tufts Weekly. |
| Ladies' Home Journal. | Union Signal. |
| Land of Sunshine. | Unitarian. |
| Library Journal. | Waltham Daily Free Press. |
| Library News Letter. | Watertown Enterprise. |
| Life (N. Y.) | Wellesley Review. |
| Literary News. | Woman's Journal. |
| Literary World. | |
| Littell's Living Age. | |

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Atlantic Monthly.	New England Magazine.
Century.	North American Review.
Cosmopolitan.	Popular Science Monthly.
Critic.	Review of Reviews.
Forum.	St. Nicholas.
Graphic (London.)	Scribner's Monthly.
Harper's Bazaar.	Season (London.)
Harper's Weekly.	

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American Machinist.	Lend-a-Hand.
American Naturalist.	Leslie's Illustrated Weekly.
Appalachia.	London Weekly Times.
Boston Advertiser.	McClure's Magazine.
Boston Globe.	Manufacturer and Builder.
Boston Herald (Evening Edition).	Massachusetts Ploughman.
Boston Evening Journal.	Metal Worker.
Boston Evening Transcript.	Nation (N. Y.)
Carpentry and Building.	New England Homestead.
Chambers' Journal.	New York Herald, daily, including the Sunday edition.
Chautauquan.	New York Tribune, semi-weekly.
Decorator and Furnisher.	Outing.
Education.	Photographic Times.
Electrical Engineer.	Popular Science Monthly.
Engineering, London.	Poultry World.
Foundry.	St. Nicholas.
Garden and Forest.	Scientific American.
Gartenlaube.	Scientific American, Builder's Edi- tion.
Harper's Magazine.	Scientific American Supplement.
Harper's Weekly.	Shoppell's Modern Houses.
Harper's Round Table.	Textile Manufacturer.
Illustrated London News.	Youth's Companion. (2 copies.)
Journal of Education.	
Journal of Franklin Institute.	
Kindergarten Magazine.	

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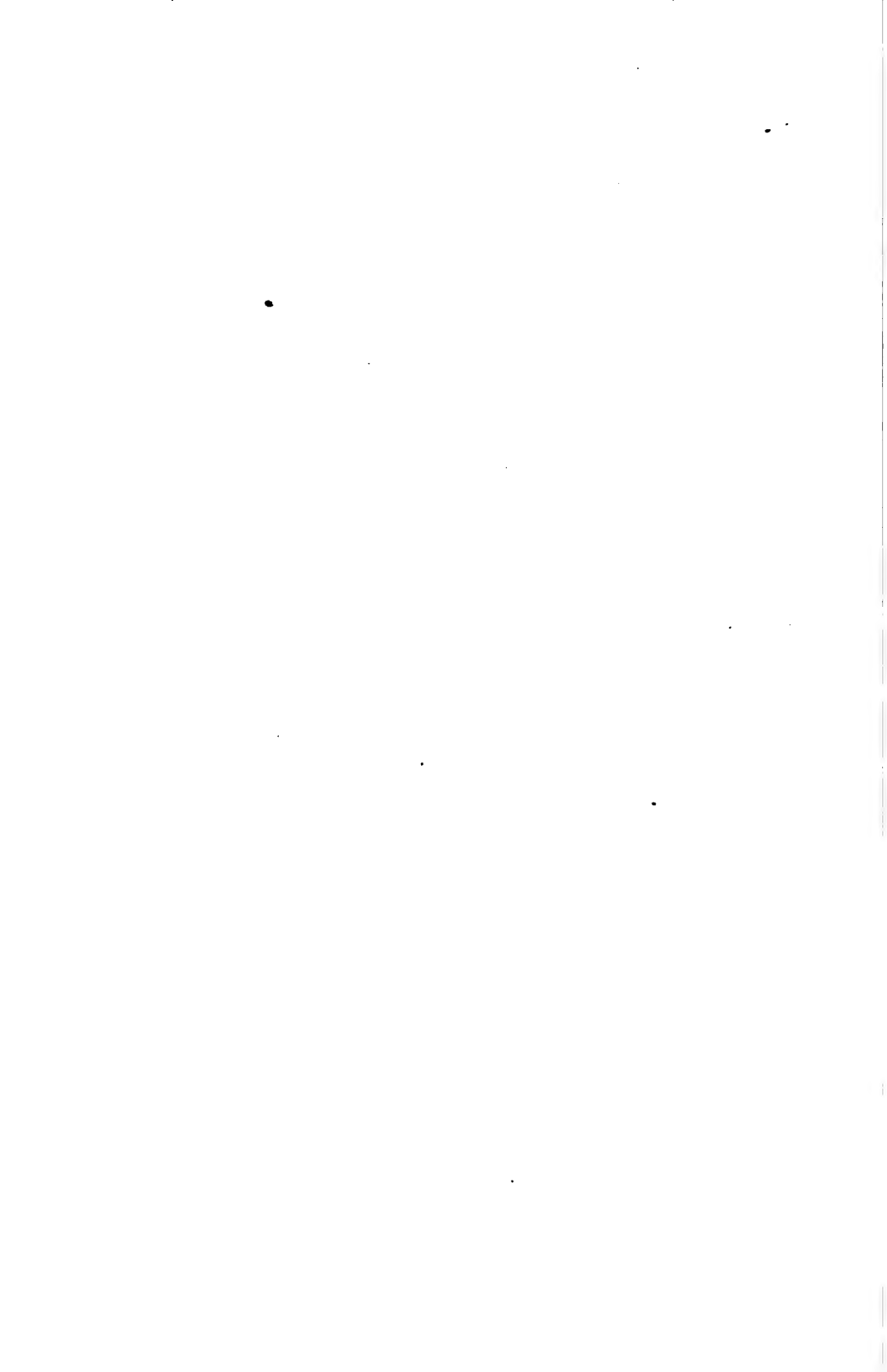
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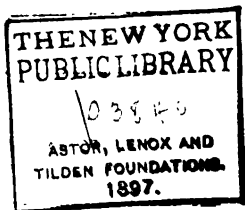
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OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING
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The lower reading-room is for the use of *all persons* who observe the common rules of good behavior.

Newspapers, popular journals, mechanical, manufacturing and building periodicals may be found in places prepared for them. Bound sets of Harper's Magazine, of the Atlantic Monthly, of Popular Science Monthly, of some Cyclopædias, and other books of reference may be found on the shelves. These may be examined freely and should be returned to their places in good order. Poole's index can be had in either reading-room on application.

The experiment will be tried this year of circulating a limited number of the more popular periodicals for short periods of time (some for three days, a few for seven days) as soon as they are received.

Almost all periodicals are bound as soon as the volumes are completed and are then circulated as books.

Minors of *thirteen* or more years of age, properly recommended by parent or others who will be responsible for them, may have cards and the full use of the Library.

It is desired to emphasize the fact that persons looking for special information, not readily found, will on application, be gladly assisted to books by the Librarian, or may have for limited periods, *special facilities* in the use of the resources of the Library.

CATALOGUES.

The CATALOGUE of 1881, containing the larger portion of the books of the Library, for sale at the desk, in paper covers, for 30 cents. Copies of the annual supplements will be given as long as they last, to purchasers of the Catalogue.

Single supplements,	5 cents.
The new Fiction Catalogue, in paper covers,	10 "
" " " " in flexible cloth,	25 "

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1896-97.

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FOR THE FIRST TWENTY-NINE YEARS.

1868-1897.

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*CHARLES J. BARRY, 1868, 1869, 1873-1883, secretary, 1875, 1876, chairman, 1877-1883.
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*GEORGE K. SNOW, 1872-1884, secretary, 1877-1884.
A. C. STOCKIN, 1872-1884, secretary, 1872-1874.
CHARLES F. FITZ, 1879-1881.
*REV. ROBERT P. STACK, 1882-1894, treasurer, 1884.
†WILLIAM CUSHING, 1884, secretary, 1884.
REV. EDWARD A. RAND, 1884-1887.
EDWARD E. ALLEN, 1885-1890, secretary, 1885, 1886, treasurer, 1890.
ALBERT O. DAVIDSON, 1885-1890, secretary, 1888.
CHARLES S. ENSIGN, LL.D., 1887-1890, secretary, 1887, chairman, 1888, 1889.
HORACE W. OTIS, 1888, treasurer, 1888.
CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1889—, treasurer, 1889, chairman, 1890-1894, secretary, 1895, treasurer, 1896.
GEORGE E. PRIEST, A.M., 1889—, secretary, 1889, 1890, treasurer, 1891-1893, chairman, 1894, 1895, 1896.
HERBERT COOLIDGE, 1890—, secretary, 1894, treasurer, 1895.
WILLIAM H. BUSTIN, JR., 1890—, treasurer, 1894, secretary, 1896.
JULIAN A. MEAD, M. D., 1891—, secretary, 1891-1894.
REV. J. S. CULLEN, 1895 —
*Deceased. †Moved from town.

LIBRARIAN AND ASSISTANTS.

- OLON F. WHITNEY, A.M., librarian, 1868—
M. AGNES GRIBBLE, assistant, 1872, 1873; now Mrs. George H. Chapin.
NELLIE BRADFORD, assistant, 1873-1877; now Mrs. Solomon B. Stebbins.
JANE STOCKWELL, assistant librarian, 1877—
ELLA SHERMAN, assistant, 1885-1888; now Mrs. James E. Norcross.
HELEN CUSHING, assistant, 1888; now teacher in Philadelphia.
T. E. MACURDY, assistant, 1889; now in Boston Public Library.
L. LOUISE WHITNEY, cataloguer, 1889-1893; now Mrs. Lewis B. Tarlton.
MABEL F. LEARNED, assistant, 1890—
FLORA E. WISE, assistant, 1891-1893; now in the Newton Library.
MARGARET B. WHITNEY, occasional assistant, 1890-1896; now Mrs. R. G. Horne.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees of the Public Library report that with the appropriation of March, 1896, an unusual amount of profitable work has been accomplished.

It is the aim of the trustees not only to care for the valuable property placed in their charge, the building, its fixtures and the books, and to purchase such books as their judgment approves, but also to add such facilities and means of use of all that the building contains as will increase the usefulness of the library. During this year an additional number of some of the popular magazines has been provided for circulation, to be taken out as soon as received from the publishers. The reading rooms, by a better provision of lighting, have been made more attractive and more comfortable for those who use them.

The important work of the year has been the preparation of a **NEW CATALOGUE OF FICTION**, which is now completed and will be on sale at the Library, at a nominal price, before the end of the present month. Further information with reference to this catalogue will be found in the Librarian's Report.

The completion of this work within the year and within the appropriation has been made possible only by the most accurate and painstaking labor on the part of the Librarian and the assistants, in addition to their ordinary duties.

For the coming year the trustees respectfully ask for the same sum as was appropriated one year ago: thirty-two hundred and fifty dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE E. PRIEST, *Chairman.*

Statement of the Amount Received and Expended by the Trustees for the Year 1896-97.

Received from town appropriation,	\$3,250 00
" " dog tax,	442 89
" " sale of catalogues, fines and lost books,	131 40
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	\$3,824 29
Paid out for	
Books, \$523.63; binding, \$175.20,	\$698 83
Periodicals (one-third of these circulate as books),	157 10
Postage and box rent, \$12.64; supplies, \$6.33,	18 97
Printing and stationery, \$18.25; Fiction Catalogue, \$285.50,	303 75
Repairs on furniture, \$17.18; tools, \$4.13,	21 31
Express, \$10.15; sundries, \$8.59,	18 74
Light and fixtures, \$265.75; fuel, \$173.75,	439 50
Extra labor, \$9.18; expenses, \$6.68,	15 86
Care of building, grounds, etc.,	258 96
Salaries and extra service,	1,871 85
Returned to the town,	19 42
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	\$3,824 29

CHARLES BRIGHAM, *Treasurer.*

Statement of the Condition of the Asa Pratt Fund.

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees, \$5,000 00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on deposit in the Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1896,	\$1,050 72
Rec'd interest on bond to December, 1896,	250 00
Rec'd interest on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	43 67
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	\$1,344 39
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librarian, for periodicals,	\$150 00
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1897,	1,194 39
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	\$1,344 39

H. W. OTIS,

Treasurer of Trustees of Asa Pratt Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Watertown Free Public Library:

GENTLEMEN,—The revolving year brings us again to the necessity of making an annual report of the progress made by this library in its work of education, and to the duty of making to you and through you to the town such recommendations as another year's experience presses upon us.

The building and its furnishings are on the whole well preserved.

The reading-rooms are now well furnished, well lighted, and have been more fully filled with readers during the past winter than ever before. They might be further improved for the use made of them, especially by students, by the erection of a few cases which might be filled with books, sets of periodicals and other sets of works now on hand, and stored in remote parts of the library.

While the reading-rooms have been more fully occupied than ever before, we are well aware that a very large number of the people of the town, especially those living at a distance from the building, have not made that use of the rooms and of their contents to which they, by right of common citizenship, are entitled. If all should make common use of what is provided for all in these well lighted and well ventilated quarters, as it is planned and intended that they should do, it would be necessary to largely increase the capacity of the building. A library of double the size of this would be found inadequate. It is for the common good that all should use this, as it is for the common good that all, especially the young, should use every other possible means of education and enlightenment. So I wish to emphasize the fact, and I wish it may be fully considered by every

inhabitant of the town, that all are and always have been equally invited and urged to use what is prepared for all.

What is there prepared for the use of all? By turning to the last appendix of this report, it will be seen what papers and periodicals are regularly received and offered for the use of all. Besides, each one is invited to indicate his needs or desires if he does not find in this list any periodical for which he is in search. Our list while large for a town of the size of ours, can be enlarged this year and for the next five years by an increase of twenty-five dollars in the annual income of the Asa Pratt Fund. These periodicals may be taken home after a new number comes from the publishers, some of them as soon as received; and nearly all are bound into durable and serviceable volumes, which, with the preceding volumes, form an increasing store of valuable information upon all the varying questions and subjects that occupy the attention of our advancing civilization.

In appendix II. will be found enumerated, with the names of the givers in alphabetic order, the numbers of the gifts of books and unbound publications received the past year.

In further answer to the question of an enquirer which I suppose to be each and every citizen of the town, as to "What is there prepared for the use of all?," it may be said, as we can not show those who do not come to the library building the books themselves, they must look into the catalogues and supplements of the catalogues published from time to time. The supplement published as a part of this report, places in every house in the town a list of all the volumes purchased by the Trustees during the past year, and of all the volumes acquired by gift,—with the more important pamphlets.

You have completed the preparation and publication of a neat, compact and complete catalogue of all the *fiction* in the library at the present time, which catalogue you have placed on the library-desk free to use in the rooms, and for a mere nominal price only sufficient to prevent unnecessary waste, copies which may be taken into every house in the town. The making of this

improved fiction list has been made the occasion of a new and greatly needed re-arrangement of this class of books. During the twenty-nine years' growth of the library, frequently in our over-crowded shelving, the books have been arranged as best they might be where and as they could be arranged. Now we have re-arranged by a system which will be best understood as an alphabetical arrangement of authors with the works of each author also in alphabetical arrangement under his name. This simple system will enable all to find all works of an author together and any work in its natural and orderly place in that group. Of course there are many difficulties in carrying out this system in practice as there are difficulties in reducing the varying products of all sorts of human minds to any system of regular order, but on the whole, this system will yield itself most kindly to the needs of a growing library.

Now it will be *necessary* for every taker of books of this class to be provided with a *new catalogue*, for these books because of this improved arrangement, *must have new numbers*.

The number of volumes which are now offered for the use of all is nearly twenty-four thousand (23,816), besides a very large store of pamphlets and papers. The exact numbers are given in the table of appendix I.; which gives also the comparative changes for ten years in these numbers, as well as of their use as indicated by the number of books and pamphlets issued.

If the enquiring citizen of the town demands a printed list of all that is furnished for the use of the town that he may know by his own fireside just what treasures the library contains and whether it will be worth while to send to the library or not for any desired volume, we must acknowledge with Carlyle that the making of catalogues is a Herculean task, expensive to prepare and expensive to publish. At present we must ask him to look through the catalogue of 1881, and the fifteen (15) supplements before he concludes that it will not be worth while to send for any particularly desired book. Of course if it is a story he is looking for, he must ignore all the numbers there placed against

titles and use the new numbers in the new fiction list of which we have spoken.

Is it practicable to print new catalogues? Perhaps the answer will be found in the use made of this new fiction list. If its use justifies the labor and expense, other class lists may be prepared from time to time without greatly increasing the annual expenditures of the library. If the use of this class list proves a promoter of good reading by a much larger number of people, you will naturally desire to improve our catalogues by extending the work to other classes of books, say next to the class of biography and history in which a new interest seems recently to have been inspired.

It is made the duty of the Librarian, Gentlemen, by your rules and regulations, to have "immediate supervision of the library and reading-rooms, and their contents"; at the same time he is held "responsible for the good order of the same." Besides other duties enumerated in article IX. which I hope have been attended to in order, it is expressly directed that the Librarian shall "do within the rooms whatever may be necessary for the convenience of those who come to the library, either as visitors, as readers, or as takers of books."

Now human power is limited. It is impossible to be in two places at one and the same time. I submit that in order that your Librarian may find it possible to do more in this direction, it should be possible to reach the lower reading room not only occasionally but all the time by the seeing eye and the helping hand of a trusted assistant.

As I read over and over my last year's report that I may avoid unnecessary repetition, I am filled with the desire to make most of that a part of this report, especially the recommendation of the Boston Board of Supervisors' plan* for the coöperation of the public library with the public schools, not yet fully considered by us, and also the recommendations as to a children's room, and a

* School Document No. 14, 1895. Report of the Board of Supervisors on co-operation of the Public Library with the Public Schools. Boston, 1896.

room for historical collections, a place convenient and fit for the proper deliberation and discussion of the questions coming before the Trustees of an institution like this. There is need of an additional room. I know that if it did not seem so much like asking for some provision of a proper place for your own meetings, you would be more likely to give greater emphasis to my expressed feeling of the need of an additional room for this purpose, a room which might be obtained by adding a room opposite the Librarian's room. This could be made easily in harmony with the general architectural effect of the exterior of the building, while it would give well located interior space so greatly desired.

Perhaps the most pressing need of the library now is additional shelf room. It is no longer possible to so arrange books as to best enable the Librarian to "do whatever may be necessary for the convenience of those who come to the library." More shelf room is necessary.

There are two plans under which this call may be met. By one plan you would place similar wooden cases above those we have now. Of the other I will speak later. The first is involved in the original plan of the building. By this plan there was to be a second tier of shelving above those now on the floor, by which the capacity of the book room was to be doubled. You will remember that when the library moved into this building not more than half the present equipment of shelving was provided, the old stacks of boxes being moved over from the old rooms in the Town hall to supply the place of half of those required at that time. These stacks of shelving which by their fixed construction make it impossible to accommodate the varying sizes of books in the more modern movable arrangement of books in classes now expected, have had their use, and should soon be superseded by new cases. Probably it would be found to be more economical of space and to be far more serviceable in helping the library force to "do whatever may be necessary for the convenience of visitors, readers, and takers of books" to replace the present somewhat awkward, fixed, unyielding wooden cases

with a two-story stack of iron. One, as least, of your number knows all about the best methods of providing shelving for a living, growing library, and can tell you and the town what he has done in this direction for one of the best housed and best furnished town libraries, as well as for the model State library itself. The matter of cost, while it is a serious matter in this time of improvement and expansion, should not be an insuperable obstacle to a necessary improvement. Something must be done at no distant day.

You have continued the complete card catalogue of all the books in the library arranged under a single alphabet including all titles, authors, and subjects of books in the library, which is located in the delivery room in front of the delivery desk, which catalogue is for the free use of all.

I hope you will feel it wise to ask and the town will think it wise to grant some increase in the amount of money appropriated to this work. If a thousand dollars a year could be added to the present amount for a while, a complete system of reshelving in an iron stack might be planned and gradually erected,—an alcove or two, each year, till the whole book room should be wholly reshelved. Meanwhile the preparation of new class lists could be continued, a class or two at a time, without greatly increasing annual expenditures until in a few years the whole library would be furnished with shelves adequate to another ten or fifteen years' growth and there would be provided a set of special catalogues each complete in its class, which could be used at home, and which would for this use supplement the fuller and more complete up-to-date card catalogues always accessible in the building.

It is in view of an ideal use of the library by all the citizens of the town that I have in former years suggested and still urge the creation of agencies in the two ends of the town. You are in a better position than I to determine when, if at all, it will be wise and prudent to try to create a demand which must be of some expense to the library to supply.

In regard to gifts and a spirit of helpfulness among the people in the work of the library our list of donations bears witness. It

is true that no large gift, no large bequest has been received the past year. We have few men in town who are able to make large gifts. Perhaps some of the people of the town are providing in their wills to furnish the library with the means necessary to greatly extend its usefulness. Perhaps some of the wealthy people who trace their origin to this dear old town which they or their fathers left in former years are preparing to make the town remember more gratefully some of its own offspring. Having been in this work now for nearly thirty years, we know this, that there is no way in which any grateful son or daughter of the town can more effectually hand down his name to the remembrance of an intelligent and appreciative future.

The library is under obligations to the publisher of our local paper for two copies of his bright and useful sheet, as well as for a bound volume at the close of each year. He has also published as regularly as they could be prepared, lists of new books as purchased and made ready for use. The Newton Graphic, The Newton Journal, the Waltham Daily Free Press, and the Cambridge Tribune have been given regularly each week by their publishers and have been placed on file. The Christian Register has been given now for over twenty-five years, and I would suggest that the carefully preserved numbers be placed in proper inexpensive bindings. The columns of this wide awake though denominational paper present much of the expanding religious history of the time. The Swedenborgian paper, "The New Church Messenger," has been given for the past two years. That we do not have all denominations represented in our files is simply because no persons have been found who are able and willing to furnish the papers.

The Union Paper Bag Company, through its manager, William A. Lingham, has kept the library supplied with excellent covering paper for its most used books.

The Magazine Club has continued its gift of periodicals, some sixty dollars worth, which are useful for immediate circulation and use, as well as to complete some of our valuable bound sets.

In regard to the circulation and use of books as shown by statistics published in Appendix I., it will be observed that while the number of new cards issued is somewhat larger than for either of the past two years, the number of books issued for use at home, as well as the number issued for use in the library, is a trifle smaller, a falling off of nearly 6 per cent. in home use and about 4 per cent. in library use. Perhaps this diminution in library use is more apparent than real. We take no note of many books used at the desk and on the reading-room tables.

Figures, however, record quantity of library work, not quality. If the recommendations I have made in this report are adopted, if a larger and more effective plan of coöperation between the library and the schools is arranged and heartily carried out by teachers and library employés, a considerable improvement both in the quantity and quality of the circulation may be confidently expected.

It is pleasant to make record of the increase in the number of readers who frequent the Pratt Reading-room. With an attendant constantly in the room to answer calls of readers, the quality of the work done there would be better, while a part of the time of the attendant would be available for other work, the benefits of which would be felt in all departments of the library. More books could be safely put into cases for the common use of readers, more and more profitable reading would result.

I have said little in regard to the books themselves which should be purchased for the use of readers. I hope an increased amount will be available for this purpose the coming year. The voters of the town certainly understand that the greater part of the money spent in this way is a permanent investment in property that will never cease to pay the surest dividends in increased intelligence.

I wish the Library might receive some considerable gift or bequest soon, or that the town would make soon a larger attempt to provide funds, that some of these improvements I have named

may be undertaken while it is possible for the Library to receive the benefit of much planning and study for its improvement given with the best of motives during quite a series of years. You and the town can not be more aware of defects in our system and our appliances than I; would it not be wise to grant the means by which they may be in a measure removed and our plant greatly improved. The library is a credit to the town as it is, it can be made much more creditable.

Thanking you, gentlemen, for continued courtesies, I beg leave to submit this, my twenty-ninth, annual report, with its suggestions and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

SOLON F. WHITNEY,

Librarian.

APPENDIX I. USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1887	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	17,717	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,694	21,472	22,194	22,431	23,352	23,816
Increase during the year.....	1,130	788	407	653	1,129	778	722	237	921	464
Increase by purchase.....	613	565	269	363	749	253	387	318	508	371
Increase by gift.....	517	101	220	127	148	216	179	89	116	132
Increase by binding pamphlets.....		112		163	243	229	211	124	269	84
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....					62	80	5	2	27	
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates.....			82		78		60	206		123
Total number of pamphlets and papers in the Library.....	16,022	17,453	21,668	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369	19,751	20,293	24,333
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation.....	1,059	1,041	1,091	1,083	1,094	1,188	613	616	630	841
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund.....			1,680	1,918	2,216	3,285	3,198	3,114	3,249	3,324
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift or exchange.....	1,423	2,539	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194	1,848	2,189	2,821
Of these there were bound or exchanged or sold.....		2,149	3,008	4,320	4,536	5,335	4,492	14,196	5,626	2,946
Total number of persons who have taken out cards.....	4,852	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236	6,539	6,794	7,041	7,310
Number of new persons taking out cards.....	267	280	248	276	295	285	303	255	247	269
Total number of volumes issued.....	34,251	37,810	37,435	35,040	34,939	35,101	35,037	42,083	41,633	39,162
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....	30,895	33,014	32,981	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,909	33,033	35,181	33,646
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room.....	3,356	4,766	4,454	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128	9,050	6,453	5,516
Number of books covered.....	1,784	1,873	1,134	1,621	5,646	4,675	4,606	5,207	4,753	4,198
Money received for catalogues.....	\$7.45	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05	\$4.80	\$4.70	\$2.90
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged.....	115.12	121.59	113.28	123.68	139.13	131.39	120.74	112.64	126.05	128.50

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

APPENDIX II.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1896.

DONORS.	VOLS.	PAMPHLETS AND PAPERS.
Allen, Edward E		54
American Humane Association on Vivisection.....		2
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register".		53
American University Magazine Publishing Company...		4
Arlington, Robbins Library.....		1
Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.....		3
Baldwin, Edward D., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Graphic"..		52
Baltimore, Enoch Pratt Free Library.....		1
Barker, F. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc</i>		361
Barry, Mrs. C. J., "Unitarian".....		12
Benton, J. H., Jr		1
Beverley Public Library.....		1
Bolton, Charles K.....		1
Boston Board of Commis. of the Department of Parks..	1	
Boston City Council.....	1	
Boston City Registrar	1	
Boston College.....		1
Boston Public Library.....		10
Boston Record Commissioners.....	1	
Bostwick, Mrs. Mary R		1
<i>Also some tools once belonging to Mr. Asa Pratt.</i>		
Brockton Public Library.....		1
Brookline Public Library.....	1	10
Brooklyn (N. Y.), Library		1
Brown University.....		1
Byron, Miss Mary R.....		1
Cambridge Public Library.....		11
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Cincinnati (Ohio), Public Library		2
Clarke, Miss Abby.....		12

Clinton, Bigelow Free Public Library.....		1
Cobden Club, London, Eng.....		4
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Concord Free Public Library.....		1
Coolidge, Herbert.....	25	8
Cutter, C. A., Forbes Library, Northampton, Report...		1
Danvers, Peabody Institute.....		1
Davies, Thomas A.....	1	
Denver Public Library.....		1
Draper, Hon. Wm. F., "Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office," Public documents, <i>etc.</i>	51	60
Ensign, Charles S.....		26
Everett Public Library.....		1
Fall River Public Library.....		1
Fitchburg Public Library.....		1
Flagler, Gen. D. W.....	1	
Goodwin, Charles B.....		52
Gréve, Miss Solvi.....		9
Hackenberg, G. P., <i>M.D.</i>	1	
Harvard University.....	3	
Helena (Mont.) Public Library.....		3
Hill, F. Stanhope, <i>editor</i> , "Cambridge Tribune".....		52
Hill, William P.....		1
Hoar, Hon. Geo. F.....		1
Home Market Club.....		10
Indian Rights Association.....		6
Isaac B. Patten Relief Corps.....	1	
Jamaica Agricultural Society.....	1	
John H. Pray Sons & Co.....		1
Kennon, Lieut. L. W. V.....		1
Lancaster Town Library.....		1
Lawrence Free Public Library.....		5
Leominster Library Committee.....		1
Lexington Historical Society.....		1
Liverpool, Eng., Public Libraries, Museums and Art Gallery.....		1
Lloyd, Mrs. S.....	1	
Lummis, Charles F., <i>editor</i> , "Land of Sunshine".....		12
Lynn Public Library.....		1
Macmillan & Co., "Book Reviews".....		6
Malden Public Library.....		1

Mann, Rev. Chas. H., <i>editor</i> , "New Church Messenger"	53
Mass. Agricultural Experiment Station	9
Mass. Board of Agriculture.....	I
Mass. Civil Service Commission.....	I
Mass. Institute of Technology.....	I
Mass. Public Library Commission.....	I
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	21
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.	12
Medford Public Library.....	I
Melrose Public Library.....	I
Melville, Henry, Esq., of New York.....	I
Metropolitan Park Commission.....	I
Milwaukee (Wis.), Public Library	I
Minneapolis, (Minn.), Public Library.....	4
National Democratic Committee.....	I
National Republican Committee.....	30
New Bedford Free Public Library.....	I
New York Maimonides Free Library.....	I
New York Public Library.....	I
Newark (N. J.), Free Public Library.....	I
Newton Free Library.....	I
Oliver Ditson Co., "Musical Record".....	12
Pacific Northwest Immigration Board, "Pacific North- west".....	5
Paterson, N. J., Free Public Library	I
Patten, Mr. T. H., of High Point, N. C.	I
Peabody, Peabody Institute.....	I
Peoria (Ill), Public Library.....	I
Portland (Ore.) Library Association	6
Pratt, Geo. H., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Journal".....	52
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	2
Providence (R. I.) Public Library.....	I
Rand, Rev. Edward A.....	I
Richards, Abraham L	3
Robbins, Frederick	5
Russell, Jas. B., <i>M.D.</i>	I
St. Louis (Mo.) Mercantile Library Association.....	2
St. Paul (Minn.) Public Library.....	I
Salem Public Library.....	2
San Francisco Mercantile Library.....	I
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Seattle (Wash.) Library Commission.....		1
Shaw, Charles F.....	1	
Shirley, Miss C. L.....		112
Smithsonian Institution.....	10	7
Snow, Walter B.....	2	
Springfield City Library Association.....		13
Starbuck, Alex., <i>editor and publisher</i> , "Waltham Daily Free Press".....		306
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Stickney, Capt. J. K.....		134
Stokes, Anson P.....	1	
Tanaka, I., Tokyo, Japan, Library, Report.....		2
Taunton Public Library.....		1
Travelers' Insurance Co., "Travelers' Record".....		11
Tufts College.....	1	41
Turley, Mrs. M. D.....	1	
United States Bureau of Education.....	4	
United States Department of Agriculture.....	1	3
United States Department of Labor.....	3	6
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	
United States Life Saving Service.....	1	
United States Superintendent of Documents.....	2	
University of Pennsylvania.....	1	
Waltham City Clerk.....	1	
Waltham Public Library.....		11
Watertown Magazine Club.....		402
Weymouth, Tufts Library.....		1
Wheeler, J. & D., Alabama.....		1
Whitney, Mrs. Edward.....		60
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Osterhout Free Library.....		12
Winthrop, Robert C., Jr.....	5	
Woburn Public Library.....		1
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal".....		51
Worcester Free Public Library.....		1

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Arena.	Musical Record.
Athenæum, London.	New Church Messenger.
Atlantic Monthly.	N. E. Historical and Gen. Register.
Blackwood's Magazine.	New England Magazine.
Boston Public Library Bulletins.	Newton Graphic.
Cambridge Tribune.	Newton Journal.
Catholic World.	New World.
Century Magazine.	North American Review.
Christian Register.	Notes and Queries (London).
Contemporary Review.	Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent
Cosmopolitan.	Office.
Dublin Review.	Our Dumb Animals.
Edinburg Review.	Punch.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Quarterly Review.
Fliegende Blätter.	Review of Reviews.
Fortnightly Review.	St. Nicholas.
Forum.	Scribner's Monthly Magazine.
Good Words.	Springfield Library Bulletin.
Harper's Magazine.	Travelers' Record.
Home Market Bulletin.	Tuftonian.
Ladies' Home Journal.	Tufts Weekly.
Land of Sunshine.	Union Signal.
Library Journal.	Unitarian.
Library News Letter.	Waltham Daily Free Press.
Life (N. Y.)	Watertown Enterprise.
Literary News.	Wellesley Review.
Literary World.	Woman's Journal.
Littell's Living Age.	

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Atlantic Monthly.	New England Magazine.
Century.	Nineteenth Century.
Cosmopolitan.	Popular Science Monthly.
Forum.	Review of Reviews.
Graphic (London).	St. Nicholas.
Harper's Bazaar.	Scribner's Monthly.
Harper's Weekly.	Season (London).

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American Machinist.	Lancet (London).
American Naturalist.	Lend-a-Hand.
Appalachia.	Leslie's Illustrated Weekly.
Art Amateur.	London Weekly Times.
Boston Advertiser.	Massachusetts Ploughman.
Boston Globe.	Metal Worker.
Boston Herald (Evening Edition).	Nation (N. Y.)
Boston Evening Journal.	New England Homestead.
Boston Evening Transcript.	New York Herald, daily, including the Sunday edition.
Carpentry and Building.	New York Tribune, semi-weekly.
Chambers' Journal.	Outing.
Chautauquan.	Photographic Times.
Decorator and Furnisher.	Popular Science Monthly.
Education.	Poultry World.
Electrical Engineer.	Scientific American.
Engineering, London.	Scientific American, Builder's Edi- tion.
Foundry.	Scientific American Supplement.
Garden and Forest.	Shoppell's Modern Houses.
Gartenlaube.	Textile Manufacturer.
Harper's Magazine.	What to Eat.
Harper's Weekly.	Wool and Cotton Reporter.
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Illustrated London News.	
Journal of Education.	
Journal of Franklin Institute.	



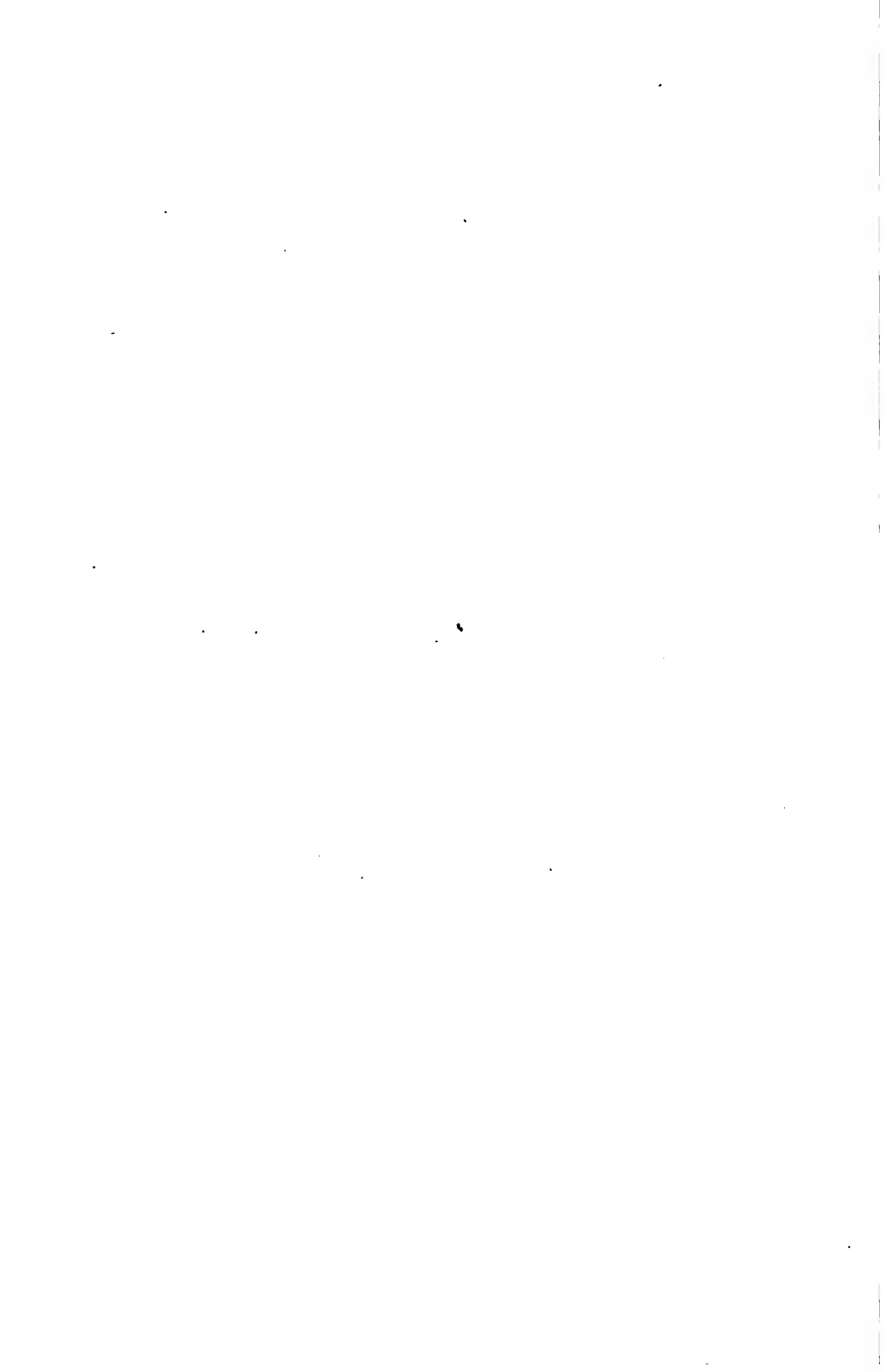


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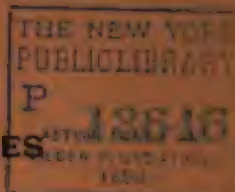
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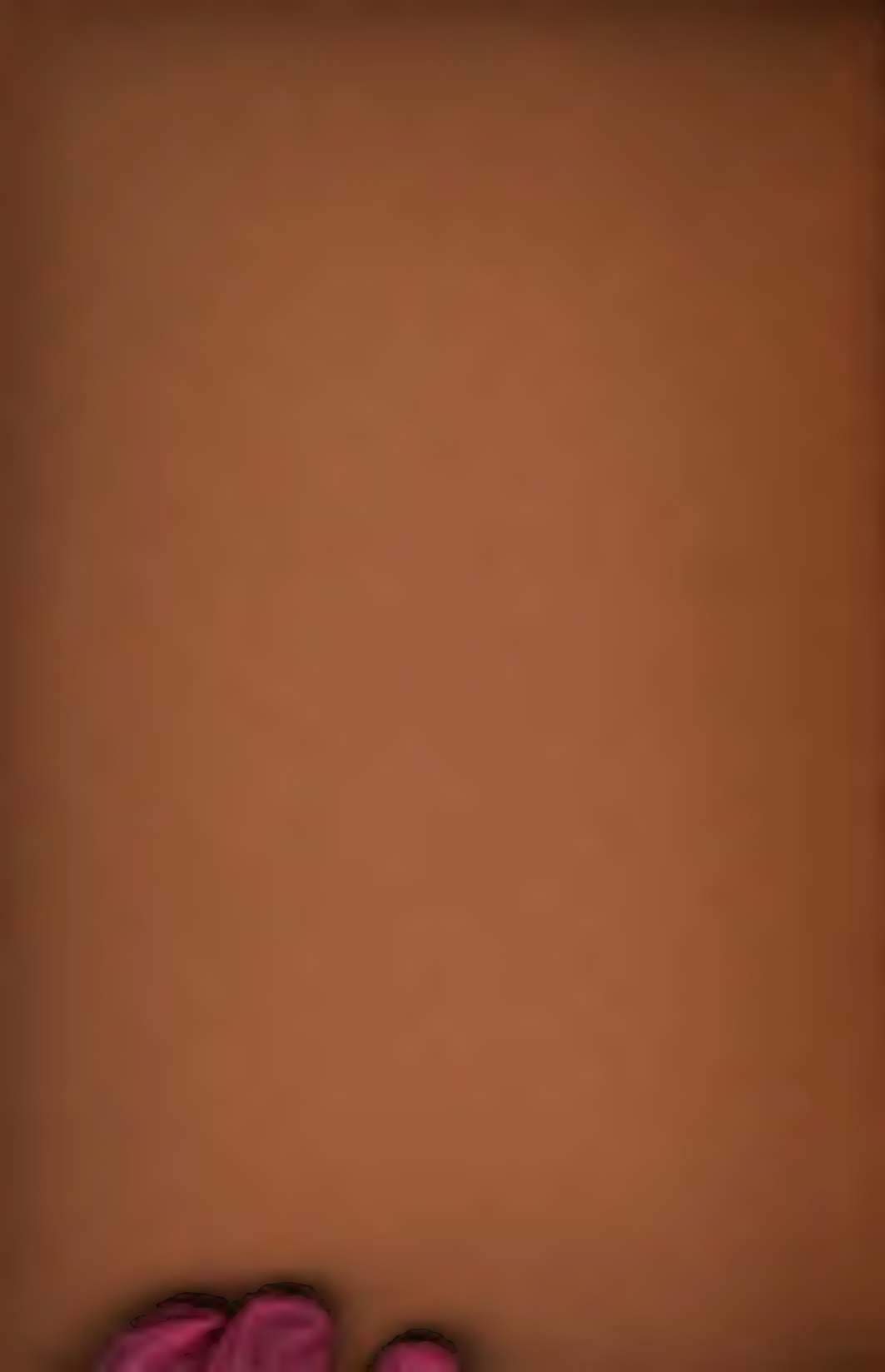
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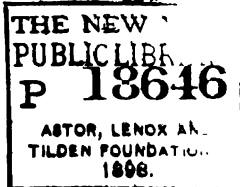




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The CATALOGUE of 1881, containing the larger portion of the books of the Library, for sale at the desk, in paper covers, for 30 cents. Copies of the annual supplements will be given as long as they last, to purchasers of the Catalogue.

Single supplements,	5 cents.
The new Fiction Catalogue, in paper covers,	10 "
" " " " in flexible cloth,	25 "

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1897-98.

WALTER B. SNOW,	Term expires 1900.
JULIAN A. MEAD, M. D.,	" " 1900.
HERBERT COOLIDGE,	" " 1899.
WILLIAM H. BUSTIN, JR.,	" " 1899.
CHARLES BRIGHAM,	" " 1898.
*GEORGE E. PRIEST, A. M.,	" " 1898.
JEREMIAH J. SULLIVAN, from Oct.	" " 1898.

HERBERT COOLIDGE, *Chairman.*

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Executive Committee.

HERBERT COOLIDGE,

WALTER B. SNOW,

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Librarian.



SOLON F. WHITNEY, A. M.

Assistants.

Miss JANE STOCKWELL.

Miss MABEL F. LEARNED.

Miss LOIS G. FITCH, in Pratt Reading Room.

*Deceased, July 22, 1897.

†From July 28, 1897.

‡From Dec. 6, 1897.

Officers of the Watertown Free Public Library.

FOR THE FIRST THIRTY YEARS.

1868-1898.

- *REV. JOHN WEISS, 1868-1872, chairman, 1868, 1869.
 *ALFRED HOSMER, M.D., 1868-1879, secretary, 1868-1870, chairman, 1871, 1873-1876.
 *JOSIAH STICKNEY, 1868-1872.
 *JOSEPH BIRD, 1868, 1869.
 *JESSE A. LOCKE, 1868-1873, chairman, 1870.
 *ABIEL ABBOTT, 1868, 1869.
 †REV. JAMES M. BELL, 1868, 1869.
 *DAVID T. HUCKINS, M.D., 1868, 1869, treasurer, 1868.
 *CHARLES J. BARRY, 1868, 1869, 1873-1883, secretary, 1875, 1876, chairman, 1877-1883.
 JOSHUA COOLIDGE, 1868-1888, treasurer, 1871, chairman, 1872, 1883-1887.
 †GEORGE N. MARCH, 1869-1887, secretary, 1871, treasurer, 1869, 1870, 1872, 1884, 1885-1887.
 *GEORGE K. SNOW, 1872-1884, secretary, 1877-1884.
 A. C. STOCKIN, 1872-1884, secretary, 1872-1874.
 CHARLES F. FITZ, 1879-1881.
 *REV. ROBERT P. STACK, 1882-1894, treasurer, 1884.
 †WILLIAM CUSHING, 1884, secretary, 1884.
 REV. EDWARD A. RAND, 1884-1887.
 EDWARD E. ALLEN, 1885-1890, secretary, 1885, 1886, treasurer, 1890.
 ALBERT O. DAVIDSON, 1885-1890, secretary, 1888.
 †CHARLES S. ENSIGN, LL.D., 1887-1890, secretary, 1887, chairman, 1888, 1889.
 HORACE W. OTIS, 1888, treasurer, 1888.
 CHARLES BRIGHAM, 1889—, treasurer, 1889, chairman, 1890-1894, secretary, 1895, treasurer, 1896, 1897.
 *GEORGE E. PRIEST, A.M., 1889-1897, secretary, 1889, 1890, treasurer, 1891-1893, chairman, 1894-1896, treasurer 1897.
 HERBERT COOLIDGE, 1890—, secretary, 1894, treasurer, 1895, chairman, 1897.
 WILLIAM H. BUSTIN, JR., 1890—, treasurer, 1894, secretary, 1896.
 JULIAN A. MEAD, M.D., 1891—, secretary, 1891-1894.
 REV. J. S. CULLEN, 1895-1897.
 WALTER B. SNOW, 1897—, secretary, 1897—
 JEREMIAH J. SULLIVAN, 1897—
 *Deceased. †Moved from Town.

LIBRARIAN AND ASSISTANTS.

- OLON F. WHITNEY, A.M., librarian, 1868—
 M. AGNES GRIBBLE, assistant, 1872, 1873; now Mrs. George H. Chapin.
 NELLIE BRADFORD, assistant, 1873-1877; now Mrs. Solomon B. Stebbins.
 JANE STOCKWELL, assistant librarian, 1877—
 ELLA SHERMAN, assistant, 1885-1888; now Mrs. James E. Norcross.
 HELEN CUSHING, assistant, 1888; now teacher in Philadelphia.
 T. E. MACURDY, assistant, 1889; now in Boston Public Library.
 L. LOUISE WHITNEY, cataloguer, 1889-1893; now Mrs. Lewis B. Tarlton.
 MABEL F. LEARNED, assistant, 1890—
 FLORA E. WISE, assistant, 1891-1893; now in the Newton Library.
 MARGARET B. WHITNEY, occasional assistant, 1890-1896; now Mrs. R. G. Horne.
 LOIS G. FITCH, assistant in Pratt Reading Room, 1897—

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

By the death of Mr. George E. Priest in the middle of the year, the trustees and the town suffered the loss of an esteemed and respected member of this Board. Mr. Priest was elected to the Board in 1889, and throughout his term of service he was a conscientious and an enthusiastic worker for the people's library. His good judgment in all matters pertaining to the management of the library was highly valued by his co-trustees.

Mr. J. J. Sullivan was elected by the Selectmen and the Trustees to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Priest.

In connection with their annual report to the town the Trustees of the Free Public Library desire to call special attention to the financial needs of the institution in their charge.

As will appear by the table of statistics accompanying the Librarian's report, the library now contains nearly 25,000 volumes. That number doubtless would be considerably exceeded if all pamphlets of acknowledged value were bound. Without reviewing the items of expense, and the incidental increase thereof which a growing library entails, the Trustees would reaffirm the opinion, advanced in previous reports, that no curtailment of the expense of maintenance seems possible without seriously impairing the usefulness of the institution.

It is with regret therefore that attention is called to the fact that, the dog tax, as a means of support, appears to be

approaching extinction. From \$728.46 received in 1890, the receipts from the dog tax have dwindled to \$384.75 in 1897; and the sum available for 1898 will be but \$305.86.

In previous reports of the Trustees, and of the Librarian, allusion has been made to the antiquated shelving with which the library is equipped. It may not be generally known that a considerable portion of the present equipment consists of the bulky wooden cases that were in use when the Library was located in the town hall building. With this shelving, the storage capacity of the Library building will be exhausted in the ensuing year and it will be necessary to consider means for providing additional space. More room could be obtained by enlarging the building; and, while that remedy has much to recommend it, the Trustees regard with more favor the substitution of modern steel stacks for the present heavy wooden cases. A combination of both methods would be productive of the best results, but either method alone will call for the outlay of a considerable sum of money. Necessity, however, will compel the Trustees to claim the attention of the town for this matter in the near future.

In the management of the interests entrusted to them, the Trustees desire to give usefulness the widest possible scope that the resources of the Board will allow, and suggestions for the accomplishment of that end are cordially invited. The proposition, emanating from the Woman's Club, to open the reading room on Sunday afternoon has the approval of the Trustees; and while the Board is empowered to make this proposition operative, they would be pleased to have the approval of the citizens previously expressed by a vote in town meeting.

It is the opinion of the Board that the increase of population at the extremities of the town now warrants the establishment of a few agencies, or delivery stations, through which citizens may draw books from the library without the

inconvenience of making a personal visit to it. It is believed that such agencies would materially increase the use of the books by citizens who, at present, are restrained by the distance of their homes from the library building.

A large amount of binding requires to be done for which a special appropriation would be appropriate; but, while not requesting a special grant for that purpose, it is the opinion of the Board that, to prevent a further accumulation of books requiring to be bound, and in view of the diminished revenue from the dog tax, an appropriation of Thirty-seven hundred and fifty dollars, and the dog tax will be necessary for the current expenses of the ensuing year.

HERBERT COOLIDGE,

Chairman.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

Statement of the Amount Received and Expended by the Trustees for the Year 1897-1898.

Received from town appropriation,	\$3,250 00
" " dog tax,	384 75
" " sale of catalogues,	28 40
" " fines, etc.,	122 16
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	\$3,785 31
Paid out for Books, \$763.66; binding, \$51.98;	
periodicals, \$160.10,	\$975 74
Postage and P. O. box, \$12.29; express,	
\$11.60; supplies, \$17.99,	41 88
Printing and stationery, \$33.46; cases and in-	
terior repairs, \$66.96,	100 42
Painting and exterior repairs,	113 63
Fuel, \$145.25; electric light and gas, \$301.47,	446 72
Care of building and grounds, \$262.90; extra	
labor, \$15.64,	278 54
Salaries,	\$1,827 27
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	\$3,784 20
Unexpended balance,	1 11
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	\$3,785 31

CHARLES BRIGHAM, *Treasurer.**Statement of the Condition of the Asa Pratt Fund.*

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees, \$5000 00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on deposit in the Watertown Sav-		
ings Bank, Feb. 1, 1897,	\$1,194 39	
Rec'd interest on bond to December, 1897,	250 00	
Rec'd interest on deposit in Watertown		
Savings Bank,	49 49	
	<hr/>	\$1,493 88
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librarian, for peri-		
odicals,	\$175 00	
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings		
Bank, Feb. 1, 1898,	1,318 88	
	<hr/>	\$1,493 88

H. W. OTIS,
Treasurer of Trustees of Asa Pratt Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Watertown :

GENTLEMEN,— In making my thirtieth annual report, I may congratulate you on the continued prosperity which has attended the progress of our Library from its foundation in 1868.

No disaster has fallen upon this institution since it was originated in the generosity of citizens of the town and the free offerings of sons and daughters of former citizens of the town nearly a generation ago. No loss by fire, no considerable loss by theft to its treasures has befallen it, no loss by disease and death has come upon its immediate custodians. It is true that almost all the honorable gentlemen who served the town as Trustees of the Library for the first ten years of its existence have either with the flow of business life drifted beyond the limits of our town or with the advancing years have been gathered to their reward, but with ripening years they should not be considered lost. They in spirit still encourage all who would create a demand for knowledge by promoting larger and freer means for its pursuit and acquisition.

In this hasty backward glance I cannot forget that of this list of honor of the first ten years, there still remain active in body and inspiring in spirit two whom may a kindly old age bless with the reward of seeing the fruits of their labors. Nor can I forget the paralyzing loss among those who have come into this list of Trustees within the last ten years, of one who planned larger and better means of extending the use of the Library with each added year of his service.

So too, if I should allow my mind to run over the long list of donors to the original fund or to the list of those who prompted the town to erect the new building by offering of their own

means in advance full one-half its cost, I should find that they, too, have many of them gone to their reward. But here also, we find the names of a few whom we delight to honor, whom the memory of a good deed may still bless, and whose kindly spirit may yet in fuller measure encourage all efforts for the benefit of this old town.

EXTENT OF CIRCULATION.

In the past year the home use of books has been in slight excess of the previous year. The use *per capita* has always been large, and it is a matter of congratulation that with the rapid increase in cheap reproductions of the more popular literature, the number circulated has not diminished. It seems to me that it would be possible at slight additional expense to greatly enlarge the circulation of books and to correspondently increase the usefulness of the Library. I will return to this subject later and explain more particularly modes of reaching out for such increased usefulness.

The statistics prepared with great care and presented in the appendixes showing the use, the service, and the accumulation of the Library for the past year, compared with the nine previous years, will no doubt receive that attention which their significance demands.

It will be seen by Appendix I that the increase in the home use of books has been about a thousand volumes, thus making the largest number, except for one year, in the history of the Library. The decrease in the number reported as having been consulted in the Library is, I fear, more a matter of accounts than a reality. Books and periodicals found in the reading rooms are not counted, those examined within the book-rooms have been very imperfectly accounted for.

CHARACTER OF CIRCULATION.

The character of those taken home and of those accounted for as used in the Library, may be seen by Appendix II, which shows for each month the number of each class of books so far

as we have been able to distinguish. It will be seen that the total numbers show about sixty per cent. of fiction and juveniles used. This percentage, larger than for several years, is partly the result of the use of the new fiction list, of which more than half the number printed have been sold during the year. The rise in percentage is full ten per cent., and yet I may say fifteen or twenty per cent. smaller than in many Libraries.

OUR LIBRARY NOT ALL FICTION.

It is the experience elsewhere as well as here, I may say in passing, that many readers consider only the works of fiction as worth their consideration. In our Library, historical, biographical and geographical works are quite as well represented. The arts and sciences and general literature have also received special attention in making choice of books. Our Library began with a selected list of educational works, early received a gift of a small well chosen library of religion and theology, has been specially favored with a fund for the purchase of periodical literature which is constantly increasing our sets of valuable periodicals, especially in the direction of the useful arts and manufactures. We have the entire set of the reports and other publications of the Patent Office, while our shelves show a good proportion of standard and recent works of reference on all subjects. The numbers in any of these departments of literature would show a corresponding increase in use following the publication of a list for that class of works which has followed the publication of our fiction list. Sixteen supplements to a catalogue exhaust human patience. Appendix II, by comparison with other years, is full of latent eloquence.

NUMBER OF BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

Appendix I further shows that the full number of volumes now belonging to the Library is 24,361, almost the entire capacity of the book room as explained in 1884, when the present structure was first occupied. The number of pamphlets and

papers (28,604) is largely in excess of this number ; and this portion of our accumulations, I may say in passing, presents a problem of great anxiety to your custodian when he reflects upon the value and in its present unbound condition, the extreme perishable nature of such a mass of materials, the accumulation in part of the past ten, twenty, and even thirty years. If these materials can be put into serviceable bindings, they will at once not only raise the number of bound volumes considerably nearer 25,000, but they will form an addition to the Library which will be appreciated by the students of all coming years.

The number of volumes purchased the past year (409), will be seen to be larger than for the year before, although not so large as in several other years. The number given (126), is a fair average number, and shows a constant beneficent source of growth.

DONORS.

By Appendix III will be seen the names of those who have contributed during the past year to this increasing store. It will be seen again in Appendix I that besides the 126 volumes received, we have also received 1,756 pamphlets and papers, besides the 3,435 purchased by the income of the Asa Pratt Fund. Among these bound volumes and unbound publications, some of them of great value, are gifts from the Smithsonian Institution, from the departments of our national government, and from the different departments of our own state government, some of them at the special request of our senators and representatives. We have received many favors, including two sets of current numbers and a bound volume at the close of the year, from the publisher of the Watertown Enterprise, and from their various publishers complete files of the Newton Journal, the Cambridge Tribune, the Waltham Free Press while published, Our Dumb Animals, The New England Messenger, The Christian Register, and in part the Woman's Journal. The Magazine Club has continued its gift of current periodicals, which, while of use for immediate circulation, will be of even greater benefit when bound into volumes.

It may be well to acknowledge the increase in the amount of available revenue from the Asa Pratt Fund, which while it gives us annually for the coming five years, one hundred and seventy-five dollars instead of one hundred and fifty dollars for periodicals for the Pratt Reading Room, besides adding at least one hundred and twenty-five dollars annually to the permanent fund, imposes each year also an additional moral obligation upon us to preserve and prepare for future use this additional mass of literature.

We have received no new gifts of money during the past year. The Union Paper Bag Company, however, has continued their annual contribution, which is the same to us as money, of excellent covering paper for our most used books.

CURRENT PERIODICALS.

Appendix IV gives the titles of all periodicals received in the reading rooms and indicates the source from which they are derived. It also gives at the end, a list of periodicals which are put into circulation as soon as they are received. The record of the issues of each number proves that this experiment of trying to meet the wants of our citizens in the circulation of a few of our best periodicals, is highly appreciated. As it becomes better known, the demand therefor will naturally increase. All periodicals are circulated on call as soon as a following number is received at the Library.

PRATT READING ROOM.

I am pleased to report the improved order and quiet and consequent satisfaction to all concerned from the presence in the Pratt Reading Room during the past winter of a constant attendant. There is a demand for the labor of such an attendant in our growing Library besides the service at an information desk in the reading room, in many ways. Here can be attended to certain clerical work besides the covering and preparation of books for circulation and the keeping of them in good sanitary condition. Appendix I reports the number of books covered.

I would suggest the installation of a lift or some means of transporting books and information quickly and easily from one floor to the other. The attendant here may thus coöperating with the attendant above easily, without leaving her place, answer calls for books stored in the cases on the other floor.

I would suggest, in this connection, since the experiments we have tried so far have proved so successful, an increase in the number of wall cases in this room, and a corresponding increase therein from our store of valuable and useful books of reference from the shelves above. This large and pleasant room can be made more valuable to an increasing number of people. We have many valuable works besides our bound sets of leading periodicals which from their size or large cost are not expected to be taken home, which might be within easy reach of readers in this as in the upper reading room.

CATALOGUES.

The public card catalogue placed in the delivery room,—as well as the office card catalogue,—has been kept up during the year. A large lot of miscellaneous pamphlets have also been catalogued during the past year. Some preparation has been made to enter upon the formation of a class catalogue of history and biography. I regret to acknowledge however that the completion of this much needed work must be suspended until some necessary relief has been found to the cramped and crowded condition of our book shelves. It would not be wise, as all can see, to publish any new class list with the certainty of being obliged to rearrange, relocate, and consequently to renumber the books in the immediate future.

YEARLY SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGUE.

Among the additions made to the Library during the past year, shown in the supplementary catalogue appended to this report, one might mention the later volumes of the National Cyclopædia of Biography (British), now numbering fifty-three volumes; and

the first sixteen volumes of a valuable work on the early history of our country, especially of the Northwest, "The Jesuit relations and allied documents, travels of Jesuit missionaries in New France, 1610-1791, edited by R. G. Thwaites, published in the original French and Latin text and on opposite pages in an English translation."

The first fifteen volumes of Harper's Weekly, including the years of the Civil War, (1861-1865), for a long time out of print and very scarce, have been secured to help complete our set of bound volumes of this graphic and interesting periodical. These volumes are invaluable as material for contemporary history.

The complete set of Patent Office publications has been brought down to date by the purchase of the seventy-two large volumes issued from December, 1893, of the "Specifications and drawings of Patents." This is used by some of our manufacturers to the benefit of the town, while it might be made more useful still by our younger men.

The Supplementary Catalogue also includes Rand & McNally's Indexed Atlas of the World, in two folio volumes, bringing our geographical information down to date; Sloane's Napoleon, in four large, well illustrated volumes; Wilson's New York, a monumental work on that metropolitan city; Hurd's Middlesex, in three large, quarto volumes, the part on Watertown contributed by our own Historical Society,—the work a gift of one of our own citizens,—and a large and beautiful work on Japan, the work of Japanese editors and Japanese illustrators, some of whose work is most exquisitely done. Time would fail to mention all of even the best, but it is well to call attention to the whole list by naming these.

I have thus mentioned the principal things which I wish especially to call to your attention as they are summarized in the appendixes and supplementary catalogue.

THE IDEAL LIBRARY.

When the older men of the present day were youths, in the early days of the Boston Music hall platform, there was delivered

in that hall a lecture on "The Inspiration of the Ideal." Many have found it a constant help to hold up before themselves an ideal of what it is desired to accomplish, and although for one in his own personal experience to confess it, it may betray weakness of will in the realization of the ideal, it cannot be doubted that for communities this elevation of the ideal is both wholesome and helpful.

What would the ideal Library in this town demand in addition to or beyond what we have at present?

In the first place, perhaps, better or fuller service on the part of all persons employed in the Library. This must come either by a change of persons employed for those of larger experience or larger knowledge,—for I am certain that all now employed desire to do the best they can for those who use the Library,—or by a more hearty coöperation of all takers or readers of books. Possibly, if people were more ready to make their particular wants known, the employees would be able to render greater service.

In the second place, the ideal library would require in addition to what we have, means of reaching people whom it is now not found possible to reach.

Under this head agencies in the remote parts of the town are naturally suggested. It would not cost much to express a box of books once or twice a week to Mt. Auburn, East Watertown or Bemis. That such a privilege would be prized is proved by an experiment tried by an individual the past year, until the burden proved too great for individual endurance. This person asks the town to bear the expense of a box each week by express. This expense could not be great, and the town by voting such a small amount would put itself in line with the city beyond, which has an agency on the other side of Belmont street.

THE IDEAL LIBRARY ALWAYS FOR USE.

The ideal library, like the ideal water supply, is always ready for use. If there were sufficient demand, the Library might be open more hours each day at a small additional expense. Or

the Library might be open a portion of each Sunday or holiday. Perhaps certain people whose only leisure is at such times could and would get benefit from the Library which their employment now denies them. The employees of the Library, I am certain, would heartily coöperate in such extended opening as the Trustees and the town deem best. The founders of the Library did not wait for a demand for a library before moving to establish one in this town. In their spirit we should be glad to help to *create a demand for wholesome reading by any means* at our command, and at *any time*.

President McKinley, in his introduction to the "History of the First Fifty Years of the Smithsonian Institution," quotes President George Washington as having said in his farewell address: "Promote, then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened." Certainly the town cannot go wrong if in answer to a call from the Woman's Club, it votes to throw wide open the flood gates of knowledge, on Sundays or on all days.

UNSATISFACTORY SHELVING.

Not only does the ideal condition of a library for service ask, but the daily actual needs of this Library in its regular work demands more shelving for its books. This remains in an increasing sense the "most pressing need of the Library," as was stated in my last year's report. It cannot be necessary to go over this matter again. Your wisdom must find some way to remove the difficulty. More shelving in the present space is possible, and more shelving on the walls of the Pratt Reading Room would be found exceedingly serviceable with, as at present, an attendant in that room.

This additional and improved shelving in our book room would make possible the continued re-arrangement of books and so the continued re-cataloguing by subjects of new portions of

the Library, as commenced last year. This might be continued as previously suggested, by the re-arrangement and re-cataloguing next of our biographical and historical works.

Of course we must admit that the ideal library would have more compact cases with shelves perfectly interchangeable, and as in most of the newer libraries would have them fire proof, in a fire proof apartment. What a weight of anxiety would be taken from your custodian if the varied and valuable collection, parts of which could with difficulty, if at all, be replaced, if in the changes which must be made soon they could be so made as to make the book-room entirely fire proof.

BINDING.

While some increase in the regular running expenses must be expected in a growing library, and ours are low compared with other libraries of the same size, I deem it wise to ask for a special appropriation for binding the accumulation of periodicals of the last year and a half, and also for binding a store of pamphlets and papers, the accumulation of many years, that common prudence requires should be put in serviceable binding. Cannot an additional appropriation, say of five hundred dollars, be obtained for this purpose?

A CHILDREN'S ROOM.

In an ideal condition of our Library, we should be able to provide for the younger children in some more fitting way than is at present possible. I feel that it is a good thing to encourage all children to form pleasant associations with books. They should, however, have books suited to their years and they should not be allowed to discourage by noise and confusion that often comes simply from immaturity, active men and women from frequenting the main reading rooms and from using the books and the periodicals which older readers alone can appreciate. We need a children's room for children's use; this for themselves for their own use and enjoyment, and for their elders, that the principal reading rooms may afford the quiet and freedom from

crowding which older readers prize and without which the best work of thoughtful minds is impossible. Thus with a children's room the various classes of readers might be provided for to the mutual advantage of each.

ART EXHIBITS.

I might mention a movement among the smaller libraries of this state in the direction of calling the attention of people more largely to works of art. Our Library was benefitted recently by the display of a small collection of photographs representing the art of Venice, and by the presence of a committee of the Massachusetts Library Club to discuss the merits of such a collection and to make selection for an exhibition of photographs to be used successively in the different libraries. I could not help wishing we had a better place to display such pictures.

We are indebted to the publishers of the Youth's Companion, one of whom is one of our own citizens, for the loan of two collections of original designs of artists employed to illustrate their pages. These exhibitions were, as I have heard expressed many times, both useful and stimulating. Our own young people certainly can enjoy such work, and more, perhaps will produce better work for having seen the drawings of the pencil or the brush of some of our best artists.

With these, and following these, we had an exhibition of works by artists whose home is in our own town, to whom the thanks of the town are due. Some foreign cities are so wise as to provide free instruction in the highest arts. We cannot go wrong in helping in some way to train eye and hand in the higher arts that refine and beautify life.

We have the promise of the loan of a large collection of the very best photographs of mountain scenery, both of the European Alps and of our lofty peaks and their beautiful slopes.

BOOKS ON MUSIC.

There is one other subject I would like to mention here. I have already received promise of help in the selection of proper

material for the nucleus of a small *musical library*. Is there any one in town who would like to contribute means for such a purpose?

ADDITIONAL ROOM DESIRABLE.

Why might not some citizen of this town, or some former resident of the town, be found who is able and willing to help this Library as some have helped other libraries in providing by will or otherwise for a much needed increase to our building.

It is neither an ideal condition of things, nor does it seem fitting to ask the honored men of the town who are called without pay to give their time to the discussion of the needs of the ideal library to meet in a little crowded back room in the basement, next the boiler room. This is at present the only room where they can hold their discussions without interrupting readers.

As has been suggested in former reports, and as I wish to hold up this matter for the continued consideration of some able to provide means, I would again submit that an addition to the building giving a room of moderate size, say 20 x 30 feet, opposite the Librarian's room, would answer well this purpose. Such an additional room would be a proper location for our increasing collection of local history, it might have cases for works of art and for our more expensive illustrated books, including among other art works such a collection of musical works as I have already mentioned as desirable. Such a room might be made a fit meeting place not only for the Trustees, but also for occasional classes of the Woman's Club, or the ordinary meetings of the Historical Society. It is the ideal service of a library like this to promote the objects of all such organizations in the town, by helping to provide books and facilities for their examination. Such a room I am assured by competent architects can be constructed in entire harmony with the architecture of our present building, and it might yield on the ground floor the desired children's room which the ideal library would certainly provide.

ALL CAN HELP THE REAL WORK OF THE LIBRARY.

While I make this appeal to the generosity, the patriotism of the wealthy, for means to provide a greatly desired addition to our present building and our other resources, I would also like to appeal to all good citizens to help, as any one can, the real work of the Library by stimulating the young especially to a proper and sustained use of the Library and its contents. While some are getting great good, some from a want of personal influence perhaps, are not getting the best they might from seeing and reading the best books. Here is a field for personal labor with the young of all ages, with immature minds, where only personal labor applied to personal ends can secure the best results. This aid for which I wish I could make so eloquent an appeal that all teachers and parents, and all others would unite their efforts, calls not for money, it calls for more, it calls for personal labor, for personal sacrifice of convenience for a noble purpose. Thus would even our present Library, though not yet the ideal, do a noble work in this community.

CONCLUSION.

Thus briefly, I have presented quite a number of subjects for your consideration, and through you, by your courtesy, I would suggest to the people of the town what appears to me with my long experience here, the next most desirable things for our Library. I need not remind them that they are building up a plant of increasing value and efficiency, and are furnishing it with machinery for great possible productiveness.

With the highest consideration for you personally, and for the honorable office which you fill, this report of work accomplished, with suggestions for future use is respectfully submitted.

SOLON F. WHITNEY,
Librarian.

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APPENDIX I. USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEARS.	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	18,505	18,912	19,565	20,684	21,472	22,194	22,431	23,352	23,816	24,361
Increase during the year.....	788	407	653	1,129	778	722	237	921	464	545
Increase by purchase.....	565	269	363	749	253	387	318	608	371	409
Increase by gift.....	101	220	127	148	216	179	89	116	132	126
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	112		163	243	229	211	124	269	84	10
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....				62	80	5	2	27		
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates	82			78		60	296		123	
Total number of pamphlets and papers in the Library	17,453	21,668	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369	19,761	20,293	21,333	28,604
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation	1,041	1,091	1,083	1,094	1,188	613	616	630	841	816
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund	1,680	1,680	1,918	2,216	3,285	3,198	3,114	3,249	3,324	3,435
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift or exchange	2,589	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194	1,848	2,189	2,821	1,766
Of these there were bound or exchanged or sold....	2,149	3,008	4,320	4,536	5,335	4,492	14,196	5,526	2,946	1,844
Total number of persons who have taken out cards..	5,132	5,380	5,656	5,951	6,236	6,539	6,794	7,041	7,310	7,549
Number of new persons taking out cards.....	248	276		295	285	303	255	247	269	239
Total number of volumes issued.....	37,810	37,435	35,640	34,939	35,101	35,037	42,083	41,633	39,162	38,890
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....	33,044	32,981	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,909	33,033	35,181	33,646	34,643
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room	4,766	4,454	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128	9,050	6,453	5,516	4,237
Number of books covered.....	1,873	1,134	1,621	5,646	4,675	4,605	6,207	4,753	4,198	2,553
Money received for catalogues.....	\$7.10	\$9.15	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05	\$4.60	\$4.70	\$2.90	\$28.40
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged	121.59	113.28	123.68	139.13	131.39	120.74	112.64	126.05	128.50	122.16

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS ARE OPEN EVERY AFTERNOON AND EVENING FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK
(EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND LEGAL HOLIDAYS.)

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APPENDIX II.
Record of Circulation for 1897 by Classes of Books.

1. HOME USE.

	Periodical and Unbound.	Reference Books.	Fiction, including Juvenile Fiction.	Travels and Geography.	Literature and Art.	Theology and Religion.	Education.	Biography.	Poetry.	History.	Science.	Sociology.	Total.
Jan.	345	15	1903	123	153	35	96	114	59	172	93	51	3159
Feb.	309	11	1797	161	162	45	66	125	78	191	106	25	3076
March	376	8	2540	105	138	35	40	98	66	214	93	33	3746
April	309	3	2132	75	119	22	29	66	35	156	74	21	3071
May	299	5	1814	70	98	21	26	75	56	162	94	16	2736
June	262	4	1874	59	90	27	25	56	40	145	71	25	2678
July	239	17	1931	54	47	17	34	44	15	85	49	18	2550
August	258	8	1776	67	84	15	21	49	13	86	68	17	2462
Sept.	276	21	1630	78	74	18	36	51	28	175	71	25	2483
Oct.	350	28	1773	94	108	24	36	91	28	221	66	25	2844
Nov.	315	12	1836	105	104	35	31	85	42	180	71	25	2841
Dec.	323	9	1973	81	102	33	23	83	54	189	93	34	2997
Year.	3661	141	22,979	1072	1279	327	403	967	514	1976	949	315	34,643

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APPENDIX II. — Continued.

2. LIBRARY USE.

	Periodicals.	Reference.	Fiction and Juveniles.	Travels.	Literature and Art.	Theology and Religion.	Education.	Bibliography.	Poetry.	History.	Science.	Social Science.	Total.
Jan.	230	65	46	6	24	4	5	2	4	16	17	3	422
Feb.	199	34	61	28	12	0	3	7	5	16	20	4	389
March	265	99	87	5	12	1	5	4	14	27	6	18	543
April	113	59	57	4	16	2	6	6	3	20	3	6	285
May	139	130	46	13	12	0	3	4	4	27	8	2	388
June	100	55	44	6	4	4	2	3	3	26	6	2	255
July	73	17	32	3	4	0	0	2	0	15	5	1	152
August	79	9	32	3	3	0	1	0	0	12	11	1	151
Sept.	91	52	28	5	12	0	2	2	6	25	8	17	248
Oct.	196	95	24	9	19	1	0	82	2	21	9	17	475
Nov.	165	79	39	17	12	1	19	3	5	27	28	4	399
Dec.	292	53	76	13	16	2	7	11	9	16	16	9	520
Year	1942	747	572	112	146	15	53	126	55	248	137	84	4,237
Totals	5409	888	23,551	1184	1425	342	516	1092	569	2224	1086	399	38,890
Percentages	14.43	2.28	60.33	3.05	3.67	.88	1.33	2.81	1.46	5.72	2.80	1.26	100.02

APPENDIX III.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1897.

DONORS.	PAMPHLETS. VOL. AND PAPERS.	
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register"		52
Amherst College		1
Appleton & Co.		12
Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.		2
Baldwin, Edward D., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Graphic"		52
Barker, F. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc.</i>	1	286
Barry, Mrs. C. J., "Unitarian"		12
Baum, Rev. H. Mason		1
Bemis, Dr. C. V.,	1	
Boston Board of Commissioners of the Dept. of Parks		1
Boston Book Company		1
Boston Public Library	2	5
Boston Register of Deeds	5	
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Family of	1	
Brown, Mrs. E. H.	1	
Bustin, William H., Jr.	3	
Channing, Walter		1
Charles Scribner's Sons		4
Cunniff, P. S.		2
Danvers, Peabody Institute		1
Davenport, Dr. B. F.	1	
Davis, Horace	1	
Draper, Hon. Wm. F., "Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office," Public documents, <i>etc.</i>	13	56
Elliott, Sterling, <i>editor</i> , "L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads"		22
Ensign, Charles S.	3	11
Farquhar, David	2	

Flagler, Gen. D. W.	1	
Goodwin, Charles B.		34
Great Round World Publishing Co.		13
Griswold, W. M.		1
Harvard University,	1	
Hill, F. Stanhope, <i>editor</i> , "Cambridge Tribune"		52
Hoar, Hon. Geo. F.	2	
Home Market Club		12
Honolulu, H. I. Department of Foreign Affairs	1	
Indian Rights Association		6
Kendall, John H.	3	
King, Henry F.		1
Langley, S. P., Sec. of Smithsonian Institution	1	
Lummis, Charles F., <i>editor</i> , "Land of Sunshine" . . .		12
McCormick, Cyrus H.	1	
McCormick Harvesting Machine Co.	1	
Macmillan & Co., "Book Reviews"		10
Mann, Rev. Chas. H., <i>editor</i> , "New Church Messenger"		51
Mass. Agricultural Experimental Station	2	6
Mass. Civil Service Commission	1	
Mass. Commission on Taxation	1	
Mass. Public Library Commission		1
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth	41	
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals .		12
Metropolitan Park Commission	1	
Mount Holyoke College		1
National Municipal League		1
Newton Universalist Church		1
Oliver Ditson Co., "Musical Record"		12
Peabody, Peabody Institute		1
Pierce, William T.	1	
Pierce Steam Heating Co.	2	
Pratt, F. S. and C. H.	1	
Pratt, Geo. H., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Journal"		53
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.		3
Princeton University	1	
Putnam's Sons, "Notes on New Books"		3
Robinson, Geo. A.	1	
Shirley, Miss C. L.		9
Silsbee, Mrs. A. M.		1

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Smiley, A. K.		1
Smithsonian Institution	8	3
Snow, Walter B.	2	
Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers . .		1
Spirit of '76 Publishing Co.		6
Starbuck, Alex., <i>editor</i> , "Waltham Daily Free Press."		200
Stearns, Charles A., Electrical journals		120
Steward, J. F.	1	
Thurston, Lorrin A.		1
Travelers' Insurance Co., "Travelers' Record" . . .		12
Tufts College		34
United States Bureau of Education	3	1
United States Department of Labor	1	5
United States Director of the Mint	2	
United States Interstate Commerce Commission . . .	1	
United States Life Saving Service	1	
United States Lighthouse Board	2	
United States Superintendent of Documents	3	
University of Pennsylvania	1	
Unknown		1
Waltham City Clerk	1	
Watertown Magazine Club		384
Watertown Woman's Club	1	
Wells College		1
Westfield Marble and Sandstone Co.		1
Whitney, Mrs. Edward		12
Whitney, Solon F.		149
Whitney, William H.	1	1
Whympcr, Edward	1	
Winthrop, Robert C., Jr.	1	
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal."		50
Wood, Geo. C.		12

We have received reports from the public libraries of the following cities and towns: — Arlington (Robbins Library); Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt Free Library); Boston; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Cambridge; Chelsea (Fitz Public Library); Chicago, Ill. (John Crerar Library); Cleveland, O.; Concord; Everett; Fitchburg; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Lancaster; Lawrence; Leominster; Lynn; Malden; Melrose; Minneapolis, Minn.; Natick, (Morse Institute Library); New Bedford; Newark, N. J.; Newton; Northampton (Forbes Library); Patterson, N. J.; Poughkeepsie, N. Y.;

Providence, R. I.; St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile Library Association); St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Schenectady, N. Y.; Scranton, Pa.; Springfield; Syracuse, N. Y. (Central Library); Taunton; Tokyo, Japan; Waltham; Washington, D. C.; Weymouth (Tufts Library); Winchester; Winthrop; Woburn; Worcester.

We have received bulletins from the public libraries of the following cities and towns:— Boston; Brookline; Cambridge; Concord; Fitchburg; Lawrence; Minneapolis, Minn.; New York, N. Y. (Free Circulating Library); New York, N. Y.; Newark, N. J.; Scranton, Pa.; Springfield; Waltham; Wilkes-Barre, Pa (Osterhout Free Library).

APPENDIX IV.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Those not found in the Reading rooms may be called for at the Desk.

American Historical Review.	Littell's Living Age.
Arena.	McClure's Magazine.
Athenæum, London.	Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports.
Atlantic Monthly.	Musical Record.
Blackwood's Magazine.	New Church Messenger.
Book Reviews.	N. E. Historical and Gen. Register.
Boston Public Library Bulletins.	New England Magazine.
Brookline Public Library Bulletin.	Newton Graphic.
Cambridge Public Library Bulletin.	Newton Journal.
Cambridge Tribune.	New World.
Catholic World.	Nineteenth Century.
Century Magazine.	North American Review.
Christian Register.	Notes and Queries (London).
Contemporary Review.	Official Gazette of the U. S. Patent Office.
Cosmopolitan.	Our Dumb Animals.
Dublin Review.	Providence Public Library Bulletin.
Edinburg Review.	Punch.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Quarterly Review.
Fliegende Blätter.	Review of Reviews.
Fortnightly Review.	St. Nicholas.
Forum.	Scribner's Monthly Magazine.
Good Roads.	Specifications and drawings of U. S. Patent Office.
Good Words.	Springfield Library Bulletin.
Harper's Magazine.	Travelers' Record.
Home Market Bulletin.	Tuistonion.
Ladies' Home Journal.	Tufts Weekly.
Lawrence Public Library Bulletin.	Union Signal.
Land of Sunshine.	U. S. Dept. of Labor Bulletin.
Library Journal.	Waltham Public Library Bulletin.
Library News Letter.	Watertown Enterprise.
Life (N. Y.)	Woman's Journal.
Literary News.	
Literary World.	

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN MAGAZINE CLUB.

Art Journal, London.	Harper's Weekly.
Atlantic Monthly.	Life.
Century.	New England Magazine.
Forum.	Review of Reviews.
Graphic (London).	St. Nicholas.
Harper's Bazaar.	Scribner's Monthly.

PERIODICALS FROM THE INCOME OF THE ASA PRATT FUND.

American Architect.	Journal of Education.
American Machinist.	Journal of Franklin Institute.
American Naturalist.	Kindergarten Magazine.
Appalachia.	Lancet (London).
Art Amateur.	London Weekly Times.
Birds.	Massachusetts Ploughman.
Boston Advertiser.	Metal Worker.
Boston Globe.	Nation (N. Y.)
Boston Herald (Evening Edition).	New England Homestead.
Boston Evening Journal.	New York Herald, daily, including the Sunday edition.
Boston Evening Transcript.	New York Tribune, semi-weekly.
Carpentry and Building.	Outing.
Chamber's Journal.	Outlook.
Chautauquan.	Photographic Times.
Decorator and Furnisher.	Popular Science Monthly.
Education.	Public Libraries.
Electrical Engineer.	Scientific American.
Engineering, London.	Scientific American, Builder's Ed.
Foundry.	Scientific American Supplement.
Gartenlaube.	Shoppell's Modern Houses.
Great Round World.	Textile Manufacturer.
Harper's Magazine.	What to Eat.
Harper's Round Table.	Wool and Cotton Reporter.
Harper's Weekly.	Youth's Companion. (2 copies).
Illustrated London News.	

PERIODICALS FOR HOME USE.

The following periodicals are issued as soon as received, for home reading, to the first persons calling for them. The time allowed during the first month is *three (3) days*, after the first month *seven (7) days*.

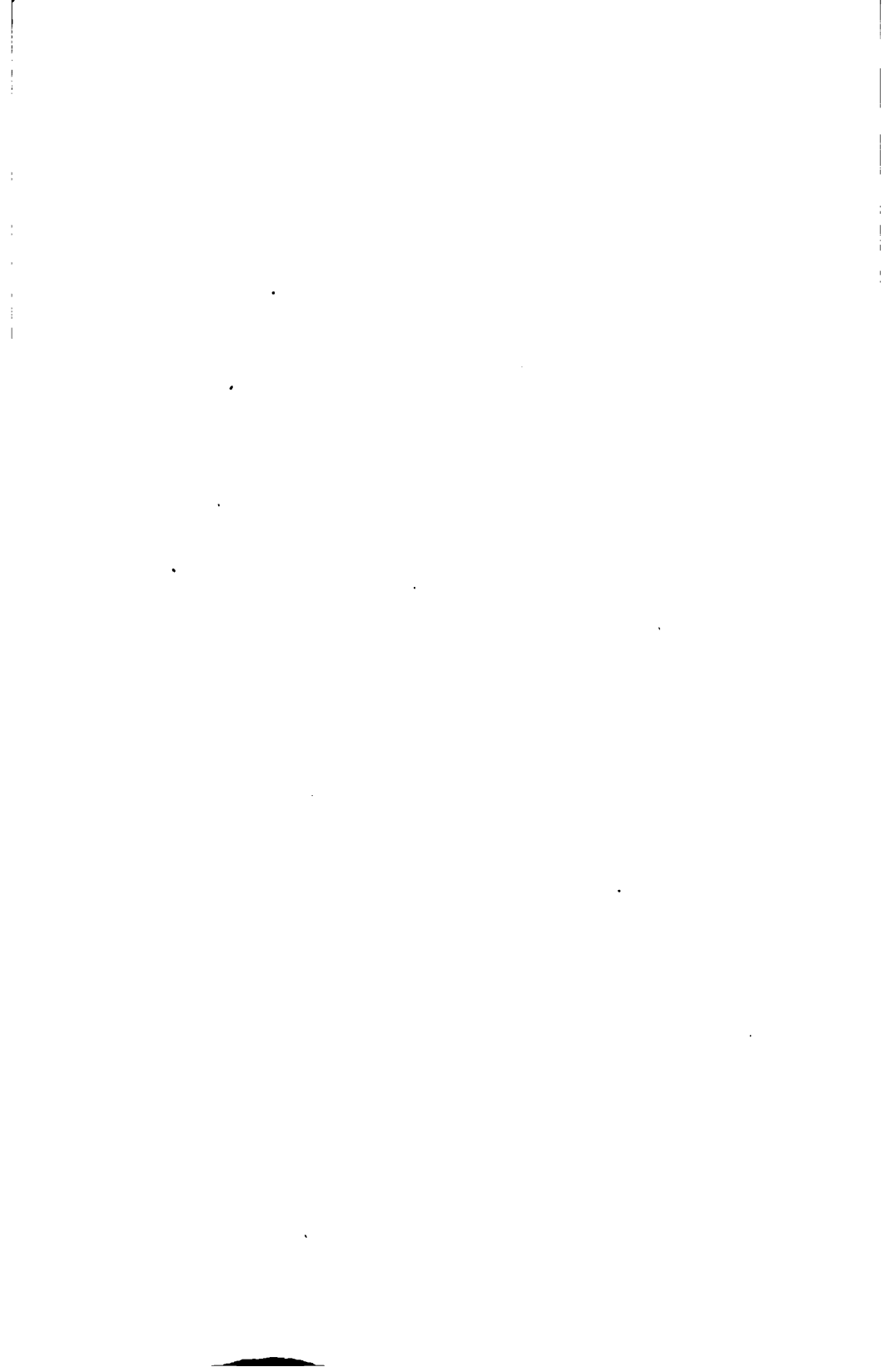
Atlantic.	North American Review (7 days).
Century. (3 copies).	Outing.
Cosmopolitan.	Popular Science Monthly (7 days).
Great Round World.	Review of Reviews.
Harper's Magazine. (4 copies).	Saint Nicholas.
McClure's Magazine.	Scribner's Magazine.
New England Magazine.	

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Certain reference books, including bound sets of Harper's magazine and other periodicals, may be found on the open shelves of each reading room. These should be carefully used and returned to their places.

Those who find it tedious looking through the SIXTEEN PRINTED SUPPLEMENTS besides the printed catalogue itself, may find at the library all authors, titles, and subjects arranged in one alphabet in the CARD CATALOGUE in the delivery room.

A finding list of all FICTION now belonging to the library has been prepared and is for sale at the nominal price of ten cents, at the Library Delivery Desk. This has both authors and titles arranged in one alphabetical series.

A letter combined with figures is an essential part of the number of some books, and should be given when calling for such desired book.

Aaron in the wildwoods. Harris, J. C.....	H314.11
Abbott , C. C. When the century was new: a novel. Phil., 1897. 16°.	A131.5
Adams , Charles K. Manual of historical literature. N.Y., 1882. 12°.	R.C.
Afloat on the Ohio; historical pilgrimage of 1000 miles in a skiff from Redstone to Cairo. Thwaites, R. G.....	321.25
Africa . Johnston, Sir H. H. British Central Africa.....	357.34
Africa , South. Bigelow, Poultney.....	355.43
Bryce, James. Impressions of South Africa.....	355.45
Garrett, Edmund, and Edwards, E. J. Story of an African crisis.	881 23
Schulz, A. and Hammar, A. The new Africa.....	355.44
Air and life. Varigny, H. de. (Smithsonian misc. col., v. 39).....	—
Air of towns. Cohen, Dr. J. B. (Smithsonian misc. col., v. 39)....	—
Alaska . Jackson, S. Education in Alaska, 1889-95. (U. S. Bureau of Education)	T.L.
Report on introduction of domestic reindeer into Alaska. 1896. (U. S. Bureau of Education).....	T.L.

Alexander of Macedon, Phillip and. Hogarth, D. G.	783.36
Alger, Abby L. In Indian tents. Boston, 1897. 12°	434.45
Allen, James Lane. The choir invisible. N. Y., 1897. 16°	A427.2
Alphabet. Nicholson, Wm. An alphabet, [Illustrated]	447.27
America and the Americans. From a French point of view	351.55
America. Discovery and Hist. L'Estrange, R. Adventures, an autobiography, tr. by D. Daly	354.51
American architect and building news. Vols. 19-56. B. 1886-97. 38v. 4°	—
American contributions to civilization, and other essays. Elliot, Charles Wm.	1063.23
American folklore society. Memoirs.	
Vol. 1. Folk-tales of Angola.....	435.32
" 2. Louisiana folk-tales.....	435.33
" 3. Bahama songs and stories.....	435.34
" 4. Current superstitions.....	435.35
" 5. Navaho legends.....	435.36
American highways. Shaler, N. S.	921.59
American history series. Vol. 4. The middle period, 1817-1858.	
Burgess, J. W.....	822.61
American history told by contemporaries, edited by A. B. Hart.	
Vol. I. Era of colonization, 1492-1689.....	875.23
American ideals, and other essays, social and political. Roosevelt, Theodore	1043.61
American lands and letters. Mitchell, Donald G.	475.39
American medical biography. Thacher, James. 2v.	728.17.18
Anæsthesia, Semi-centennial of. Oct. 16, 1896	958.5
Angot, Alfred. The aurora borealis. N. Y., 1897. 12°	971.48
Appalachian mountain club. Register. 1890, 93, 94, 96	—
Arber, Edward, ed. Story of the Pilgrim fathers, 1606-1623, as told by themselves, their friends and their enemies. L., 1897. 12°	822.60
Arctic regions. Nansen, Dr. Fridtjof. Farthest North	367.10.11
Arnold, T. W. The preaching of Islam. Westminster. 1896. 8°	526.35
An artist's letters from Japan. La Farge, John	377.13
Asia, western, A ride through. Brigham, Clive. L., 1897. 8°, illus.	345.21
Atlases. Rand, McNally and co. Indexed atlas of the world. 2v.	Ref.
Atmosphere in relation to human life and health. Russell, F. A. R. (Smithsonian misc. col., v. 39)	—
Atomic weights, A recalculation of the. Clarke, F. W. Constants of nature, pt. 5. (Smithsonian misc. col., v. 38)	—
Audiences, suggestions to those who look and listen. Holden, F. P.	441.31
Aurora borealis. Angot, Alfred. (International science series) ...	971.48
Authors and friends. Fields, Annie	472.32
Autun. Hamerton, P. G. The Mount; visit to the site of a Gaulish city on Mt. Beuvray, with description of Autun	371.33
Bacon, E. M. Walks and rides in the country round about Boston. Boston, 1897. 16°	342.32

Bailey, L. H. Garden-craft series.

The horticulturist's rule-book.	922.52
Plant breeding.	922.53
The forcing book.	922.54
Baldwin, Wm. J. Hot-water heating and fitting. N.Y., 1890. <i>illus.</i>	937.43
Ballads and barrack room ballads. Kipling, Rudyard.	757.21
Baltimore, City gov't of. (Johns Hopkins univ. studies, vol. 14)..	1056.38
Bassett, John S. Slavery and servitude in North Carolina. (Johns Hopkins univ. studies, v. 14).....	1056.38
Baum, L. F. Mother Goose in prose. Chicago, 1897, 4°.	447.28
Beard, J. C. Curious homes and their tenants. N. Y., 1897. 12°.	921.62
Becke, Louis. Pacific tales. N. Y., [1896], 8°.	B394.6
Bell rock, Building of the. (<i>In</i> Stevenson, R. L. Works. v. 18)....	in 445.41
Bellamy, Blanche W. Governor's Island. (<i>In</i> Hist. New York)... ..	894.17
Bellamy, Edward. Equality. (Sequel to "Looking Backward.")..	B436.2
Bench work in wood. Goss, W. F. M. Boston, 1888. 12°.	924.53
Berens, L. H., joint author. Some unrecognized laws of nature....	936.52
Bergey, D. H. Methods for determination of organic matter in air. Wash., 1896. 8°. (Smithsonian misc. col.).....	—
Bigelow, Poultney. White man's Africa. N. Y., 1898. 8°.	355.43
Bigham, Clive. A ride through western Asia. L., 1897. 8°.	345.21
Biography. Stephen, Leslie, and Lee, S., eds. Dictionary of national biography. Vols. 1-53.	Ref.
Birds. Gibson, Wm. H. <i>See his</i> My studio neighbors.	947.23
Miller, H. M. Upon the tree-tops. B., 1897. 16°, <i>illus.</i>	921.58
Parkhurst, H. E. Song birds and water fowl. N. Y., 1897, <i>illus.</i>	921.63
Wright, M. O. and Coues, E. Citizen Bird: scenes from bird-life in plain English for beginners. N. Y., 1897. 12°, <i>illus.</i>	936.51
<i>Also the illustrated periodical, Birds.</i>	—
Bisland, Elizabeth. Old Greenwich. (<i>In</i> Historic N. Y).....	894.17
Blanc, Mont. Whympier, E. Chamonix, and the range of Mont Blanc: a guide. L., 1896. 12°, <i>illus., maps</i>	343.32
Blue fairy book. Lang, Andrew, ed. L., 1895. 12°, <i>illus.</i>	L269.7
Boissier, Gaston. Cicero and his friends: a study of Roman society in the time of Cæsar. Tr. by A. D. Jones. N. Y., 1897. 12°..	782.31
Bolton, Charles Knowles. Brookline: the history of a favored town. Brookline, 1897. 16°, <i>illus.</i>	880.20
Books and their makers during the middle ages. Putnam, G. H. N. Y., 1896. 2v. 8°.	446.46, 47
Border wars of New England, King William's and Queen Anne's wars. Drake, S. A. N. Y., 1897. 12°.	841.34
Boston. Dept. of parks. Bd. of Com'rs. Annual report, 22d.....	—
Boston. Public Library. Annual list of new and important books. 1896, 97. B., 1898. 8°.	—
Bowdoin and Temple papers. Mass. Hist. Society collections, 6th series, v. 9. B., 1897. 8°.	—
Bradlee, Caleb Davis, 1831-1897. Manchester, Alfred. In memoriam. B., 1897. 12°.	782.10

Bradley, A. G. Sketches from old Virginia. L., 1897. 12°.....	B799.5
Bridgewater, Mass. Mitchell, N. History of the early settlement of B. including family register. 1897. 8°.....	877.43
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The past year has been an eventful one in the history of the Public Library. In respect to benefits accrued it must rank second only to the year in which the building was erected. This report of the Trustees becomes, therefore, more an act of grateful acknowledgment than the performance of a routine duty.

The citizens of Watertown have not forgotten the substantial generosity of Mr. Hollis H. Hunnewell at the time it became necessary to provide a suitable building for our Free Public Library. His attention having recently been drawn to our pres-

ent necessities by the Librarian, Mr. Whitney, the Trustees take great pleasure in reporting that Mr. Hunnewell has again come to our assistance, and is now erecting, as a gift to the town, a large and handsome addition to the building which will prove of inestimable value. Beside an audience room in the basement, the addition will provide an attractive reading room on the main floor where readers may retire from the unavoidable disturbance occasioned by the general delivery. It will render possible also the furnishing of a special reading room for children. In fact, the building has been so enlarged and arranged that departments may be separated, and yet be so grouped as to minimize the labor and expense of administration. So great will be the improvement arising from these arrangements, and so much will the beauty and attractiveness of the Library be enhanced, your Trustees deem it but a meagre expression of gratitude that the new addition be named "Hunnewell Hall."

In view, however, of the large aggregate value of building and contents which the Library now represents, Mr. Hunnewell was deeply impressed by the urgent necessity for improvements in the stack room, and for proper provisions against damage by fire. A collection of books constantly increasing in number and value should be shielded from the hazards of the rest of the building, and metal stacks should be substituted for the present wooden boxes. To build a fire-proof addition to a Library whose books are not thus protected would be, in Mr. Hunnewell's opinion, an inconsistent proceeding.

In this opinion the Trustees heartily concur, and they therefore accepted Mr. Hunnewell's offer subject to the condition stated in the following letter from his architects, Messrs. Shaw & Hunnewell.

BOSTON, March 19, 1898.

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Very truly yours,

SHAW & HUNNEWELL.

Thus it will be seen that, by the generous assistance of Mr. Hunnewell, the situation which confronted us, and which was referred to in our last annual report, will be wholly relieved by the fulfilment of the condition mentioned above, and it will be relieved in the manner recommended by the Board as productive of the best and most enduring results. It should be observed also, that, as the renovation of the book room will require a temporary removal of the books, the new addition will provide the necessary space for that purpose and it should avoid the necessity of closing the Library while the work is in progress.

The Trustees take pleasure also in reporting that the will of the late Mrs. Abby V. Barry makes provision for a legacy of One Thousand Dollars to be expended in the purchase of books for the Free Public Library. As a memorial to Mrs. Barry, and in recognition of the services of her husband, the late Charles J. Barry, who was for many years an honored member of the Board of Trustees, this Board is of the opinion that the legacy in question should be treated as a fund in trust, to be named "The Barry Fund," the income of which shall be devoted to the purpose designated by the testator.

We have also to acknowledge the gift from Mrs. Mary W. Priest and family of a memorial tablet, in honor of the late Quartermaster George Eaton Priest, to commemorate the noble example of faithful service in the Civil War, and to inspire in others love for their country. For the reasons stated, and also in recognition of Mr. Priest's faithfulness to his civil duties, notably as a member of the Library Board, the Trustees have gratefully accepted this gift, and will have the tablet set in the wall of the library building.

To those who have not been assured by personal observation, the statistics furnished by the librarian will be ample evidence of the wisdom of opening the reading rooms on Sundays. There has been considerable demand for a general delivery of books on Sundays for home use, but the Trustees have not considered these requests as sufficiently representative of the sentiment of the people at large to take action in the matter.

We regret to report that, owing to inconveniences unavoidably occasioned by the work of construction now in progress at the building, and also on account of the difficulty in finding suitable places for the purpose, the establishment of branch delivery stations has not been practicable during the past year. It is, however, the desire of the Board to inaugurate a system of branch deliveries as soon as circumstances will permit.

For the ensuing year we recommend the appropriation of the same amount as was appropriated last year, namely, Thirty-Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars, and the Dog Tax.

HERBERT COOLIDGE,
Chairman.

Statement of the Amount Received and Expended by the Trustees for the Year 1898-1899.

Received from town appropriation,	\$3,750 00
" " dog tax,	305 86
" " sale of catalogues,	6 65
" " fines, books damaged, etc.,	118 05
" " return on salaries,	18 75
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	\$4,199 31
Paid out for books, \$602.31; binding, \$381.30,	983 61
Periodicals, \$160.82; express, \$10.91,	171 73
Postoffice box and postage, \$12.93; supplies, \$15.19,	28 12
Printing and Stationery,	20 06
Repairs, \$104.29; changes in building, \$77.75,	182 04
Fuel, \$266.81; light, \$212.13,	478 94
Extra labor, \$4.12; labor grading, \$7.35,	11 47
Membership in Library Art Club,	5 00
Care of building and grounds,	245 38
Salaries,	2,052 14
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	\$4,178 49
Balance in hands of Town Treasurer,	20 82
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	\$4,199 31

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES BRIGHAM, *Treasurer.****Statement of the Condition of the Asa Pratt Fund.***

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees, \$5,000 00

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on deposit in the Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1898,	\$1,318 88
Rec'd interest on bond to December, 1898,	250 00
Rec'd interest on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	54 51
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	\$1,623 39
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librarian, for periodicals,	\$175 00
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1899,	1,448 39
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	\$1,623 39

H. W. OTIS,

Treasurer of Trustees of Asa Pratt Fund.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Watertown:

GENTLEMEN,— In the preparation of this thirty-first annual report, as required by Article 9th of your rules and regulations, I have spared neither time nor labor; but as the various books of records are open to you and may be seen by any who could profit thereby or make them of use to the town, I may be spared the labor, the town may be spared the expense of printing facts and figures which, as for so many years before, attest a very uniform growth in our collection of books, pamphlets and papers, and in their continued usefulness.

The various appendices to this report will enable you or any one to compare this year with former years, both as to the use of the library in the building and at the homes of our people, as well as to the interest shown in the Library by gifts of books and other publications.

Before speaking of special gifts and of the new hopes inspired for the future of our Library, I cannot refrain from acknowledging a great loss. Last year we were called to part with a member of your Board who had endeared himself to all at the Library by his helpful guidance in his office of Chairman of the Board, and who had given new hope by his planning for still better things for the future.

In a very different way we are this year called to mourn the loss of one who, a child of the Library had come to sit in the seats of its fathers. The very soul of honor, as a boy even, allowing nothing low or mean in his presence, he came in private life to occupy the confidence of all in his integrity, in his high and noble views of life, and in municipal affairs was known

for his strict justice, his sound, wise, and beneficent action. For over thirty years, during which, I had known Mr. Sullivan as a pupil, as a companion, as a legal adviser, and as a Trustee of the Public Library, I had come to place the most implicit faith in the purity and nobility of his character, and now mourn his loss as of one on whom I leaned for help and guidance, and I cannot, when I think of his past and prospective value to the town, regard his loss other than a public calamity.

Among the constant frequenters of the Library for the past thirty years was one who has shown in her departure her substantial interest in the work here carried on. Mrs. Abby Vose Barry, wife of a member of the first Board of Trustees who later as chairman laid the corner-stone of the building we now occupy, continually expressed in a quiet way her interest in the Library, and as most of the town now know, left to be given by her executors, a thousand dollars to the Library, stipulating only that it be expended for books. What any wealthy person might do who cannot carry his wealth with him to the other world, she had the kind heart to do in this wise way in so leaving a portion of her property that all posterity may enjoy it, and it is hoped with gratitude to the giver.

These reports have spoken of the desirability of certain enlargement of our building. In my last year's report, I spoke quite specifically on this matter. More than we hoped for then is now being built into brick and stone.

By reading again the portion of last year's report relating to this matter, it will be seen what purposes and uses were presented for this desired enlargement. They were in brief for a room "which would be a proper location for our increasing collection of local history, for works of art and for our more expensive illustrated books" and other works of reference. This would "be made a fit place, not only for the meetings of the Board of Trustees," but also for such other literary and historical meetings as would be encouraged by a good store of books and other documents. such meetings as the Trustees would naturally find

it proper to allow. For the realization of this desired enlargement, we are indebted to Mr. Horatio Hollis Hunnewell, and to his affection for his "native town," of which he "retains a most pleasing recollection."

The room on the first floor opening from the present reading-room with an enlarged Librarian's-room connecting it with the book-room, offers so much greater advantages as a reference reading-room than we have had before, that a portion of the former reading-room, say that portion to the right of the entrance, might be used as a children's room, a necessary book case being a sufficient screen from the delivery room. The basement of the new part with its large windows and pannelled ceiling will be fine for a Historical Room and for a Trustees' Room. This, by reserving it for special uses like those just mentioned, will be available at times for meetings of a similar kind, for literary or historical classes, or school classes, who wish to see together a collection of books of the Library on some special subject. For the convenience of moving such collections of books from the book-room to the room below and of returning them again to place in the room above, a proper book-lift should be constructed.

Thus all the purposes mentioned in the last report as desirable to be obtained by an addition to our building will be obtained. More, we have gained a great advantage in the large and lofty room for the reference reading-room. This, with cases of the kind the architects have proposed for the reconstructed and re-furnished book-room, constructed entirely around the room, and filled even as we are now prepared to fill them, will become at once an honor and a delight to our Library. I propose, in honor of the giver of this addition, and in honor of his former very large gifts to the Library, that this be known as "Hunnewell Hall."

It remains for us to fulfill the only condition of this gift; that we in some way do what the Library most needs now to have done, to improve the book-room, and fill it with proper shelving.

The architects suggest building a brick wall from the basement

floor up through the roof to cut off by a fire-proof barrier this room from the rest of the building, and erecting proper stacks of iron or steel.

Much that was said in former reports might be said now in favor of this plan.

I will content myself with saying that the improved rearrangement of the books of the Library begun when the fiction catalogue was made, must wait for this new shelving.

The work begun on the catalogue in history, geography and biography, — the next portion proposed, — has been carried as far as it can be well carried until the books can be rearranged on the shelves. This is impossible in the present cases which are largely piles of boxes of varying sizes, incapable of change. I would like to see this great improvement made before I leave the Library. It will then be possible to make the desired change in arrangement of books for which I have planned so long. Then it will be possible to put the books on a given subject or part of a subject together. Now, the arrangement by subject is found only in the catalogue and only as far as practicable in a dictionary catalogue.

It is hoped that the necessary changes in shelving may be so provided for that the work of changing may be done in the early summer months when it will interfere least with the ordinary work of the Library.

Many requests have been made for an earlier hour of opening the Library, say at one o'clock in the afternoon, so that children going home from school may stop at the Library for their books. This is a matter of a slight increase in expense for assistants. It may on the whole be wise to thus open the Library an hour earlier.

I wish to thank certain teachers who, having taken pains to make themselves familiar with the books of the Library, have greatly aided their pupils to a better use of the Library.

An increasing number of parents have taken out cards for the

use of their children who wish to draw out books for the help they may get in their work at school.

During the past year we have had bound several thousand periodicals, — magazines and papers, — making several hundred most valuable and useful volumes.* An attempt has been made to complete some of our sets of periodicals, the early numbers of which are year by year becoming more rare. For some of these, large prices are demanded by dealers.

The friends of the Library might render the town valuable service, by giving the early numbers of such periodicals as they may have in their attics. The first five volumes, for instance, of the *Cosmopolitan* are required to complete this set. So the early volumes of *Harpers' Young People*, and the first three volumes of the *Magazine of American History*, and the first six volumes of *Outing*. A set of *Wide Awake* would be useful in our new "Children's-room." If anyone has the sixteenth and seventeenth volumes of the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* to part with, he would do well to communicate with the Librarian or Trustees. We have just purchased the last three volumes required to complete our set of *Harpers' Weekly*. Early volumes of *Contemporary Review* are desired. These sets of periodicals, English and American, are made most valuable in a reference reading-room, by the completed *Poole's Index*, of which we have now all the volumes.

During the past year as in former years we have received from the Union Bag and Paper Company a plentiful supply of excellent covering paper for such of our books as it has been deemed best for sanitary reasons to cover.

The Magazine Club has continued to furnish the Library with a good number of periodicals. The list may be seen in Appendix 5.

In Appendix 4 will be found credited to their several publishers the *Cambridge Tribune*, the *Newton Journal*, the *Newton Graphic*, and two copies of the *Watertown Enterprise*. Also

* The exact numbers are given in Appendix I.

the Christian Register, the Official Gazette of the United States Patent Office, the Home Market Bulletin, Our Dumb Animals, Good Roads and the L. A. W. Bulletin, Land of Sunshine, Union Signal, Boston Public Library bulletin, and other library bulletins.

Since the last report was published an experiment has been tried in opening the Library on Sundays. Books are not as yet given out for home use, but everything in the Library has been offered for use in the building. The attendance in the reading-rooms has largely exceeded the attendance on other days of the week. A record has been carefully kept, and it proves that sometimes nearly two hundred visit the Library on a single Sunday.† At first some come from mere curiosity; but many come as to a quiet place to read. On cold or stormy days the attendance has been larger than in fair and warmer weather. Of course, I am greatly pleased when, for instance, I find some mother with her younger children who could not come during the week, coming in to look at books or illustrated periodicals, or better still, some workman or busy man, or busy woman looking for information, inspiration, or even recreation, who cannot come on working days. The result of the experiment so far warrants, it seems to me, its continuance.

There has been no response, material or immaterial, during the year to the appeal for the nucleus of a musical library. The time is not yet ripe, it seems, for such an undertaking. Yet I know from our experience that some publications giving popular music would be most eagerly sought.

This Library has become within the year a member of the Library Art Club, a branch of the Massachusetts Library Club, and is represented in its board of officers. The Club has acquired over three hundred of the best photographs of the art of Venice, and nearly as many similar views of the painting, sculpture and architecture of Florence, that home of all the arts. We have been waiting for a more suitable place to show them. These

† See Appendix 3.

exhibitions may be looked for soon* and will no doubt be greatly prized by a few, probably will be enjoyed by most. It cannot be that they will not be stimulating to the young and so of great educational value.

In this and in every way the Library lays claim, like the schools, to the hearty support of all the people for the good work it does in educating to better things. Like the schools, it claims, your support for its work for the young who are not yet self-supporting; but more than this, because it continues its good work with all who seek the information it gives, or who allow themselves to come under its influence.

Like the schools it depends upon popular support, and just now in this crisis in its growth when its shelves are crowded, its windows and tables cluttered up with unarranged books and pamphlets, it calls for new and larger shelving and a safer and fire-protected room for its accumulated treasures. A grant of a half a mill on a dollar of the town's valuation would give it larger means for yearly growth and for administration, and another half mill for this present year, would give the needed aid to meet this extraordinary call now so emphasized by the recent gift now materializing before you.

It is for you, Gentlemen, to ask, and for the town the high privilege to grant the means which, we must claim we have shown by all our experience here, will be of so great and lasting benefit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SOLON F. WHITNEY,

Librarian.

* We are to have an exhibition of the Appalachian Mountain Club's Sella photographs of high Alpine and Rocky Mountain views, from February 14 to Feb. 28. This will give a chance to study ice-work in carving the mountains as it once carved the whole surface of this part of the earth.

The Sella photographs will be followed by exhibitions of Vermont and New Hampshire scenery in a series of photographs. These are to be followed by like exhibitions of the Venetian and Florentine photographs. It is hoped that the new rooms will be soon available for this purpose.

APPENDIX 1.

USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	YEARS.									
	1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	18,912	19,565	20,694	21,472	22,194	22,431	23,352	23,816	24,361	25,064
Increase during the year.....	407	653	1,129	778	722	237	921	464	545	703
Increase by purchase.....	269	363	749	253	387	318	508	371	409	315
Increase by gift.....	220	127	148	216	179	89	116	132	126	112
Increase by binding pamphlets.....		163	243	229	211	124	269	84	10	276
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....			62	80	5	2	27			
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates	82		78		60	296		123		
Total number of pamphlets and papers in the Library	21,658	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369	19,751	20,293	24,333	28,604	28,545
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation	1,091	1,083	1,094	1,188	613	616	630	841	816	859
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund	1,680	1,948	2,216	3,285	3,198	3,114	3,249	3,324	3,435	3,826
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift or exchange	4,542	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194	1,848	2,189	2,821	1,756	1,319
Of these there were bound or exchanged or sold....	3,008	4,320	4,536	5,335	4,492	14,196	5,526	2,946	1,844	5,705
Total number of persons who have taken out cards..	5,380	5,656	5,931	6,236	6,539	6,794	7,041	7,310	7,549	7,816
Number of new persons taking out cards.....	248	276	295	285	303	255	247	269	239	267
Total number of volumes issued.....	37,435	35,640	34,939	35,101	35,037	42,083	41,633	39,162	38,880	38,111
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....	32,981	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,909	33,033	35,181	33,646	34,643	33,193
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room	4,454	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128	9,050	6,453	5,516	4,237	4,918
Number of books covered.....	1,134	1,521	5,646	4,675	4,605	5,207	4,753	4,198	2,553	3,600
Money received for catalogues.....	\$3.15	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05	\$4.60	\$4.70	\$2.90	\$28.40	\$6.65
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged	113.28	123.18	139.13	131.39	120.74	112.64	126.05	125.50	122.16	118.05

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS ARE OPEN ON SUNDAYS FROM 3 TO 9 O'CLOCK, ON OTHER DAYS
(EXCEPT LEGAL HOLIDAYS) FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK.

APPENDIX 2.
Home use by months, under 12 classes of books; Library use for the year by the same classes.

	Periodi- cals.	Refer- ence.	Fiction and Juveniles	Travels.	Litera- ture and Art.	Theology and Religion.	Educa- tion.	Blog- raphy.	Poetry.	History.	Science.	Social Science.	Total.
Jan.	380	15	2173	119	149	20	29	98	53	222	111	52	3380
Feb.	341	16	2190	124	160	39	17	157	62	201	114	46	3467
March	343	7	2324	127	172	38	23	120	41	201	92	37	3525
April	391	13	2297	120	139	29	36	86	41	144	99	28	3423
May	290	7	1997	86	119	20	36	68	52	129	77	31	2912
June	289	11	1792	96	91	22	20	41	23	106	71	29	2591
July	309	3	1706	72	64	25	27	30	13	85	59	11	2404
August	269	9	1695	68	78	20	29	36	15	97	65	10	2391
Sept.	290	7	1521	65	76	21	30	55	21	105	69	15	2275
Oct.	260	7	1384	109	84	24	31	45	23	157	91	14	2229
Nov.	181	6	1095	57	65	19	24	30	14	75	63	17	1949
Dec.	291	15	2017	102	109	26	19	79	28	149	89	23	2947
Total Home Use	3584	116	22,191	1145	1306	312	321	845	386	1671	1003	313	33,193
Total Library Use	2277	721	697	87	206	37	67	91	120	322	219	74	4,918
Grand Total	5861	837	22,888	1232	1512	349	388	936	506	1993	1222	387	38,111
Percentages	15.38	2.19	60.05	3.23	3.96	.91	1.18	2.45	1.32	5.23	3.22	1.17	100.29

APPENDIX 3.

GIVING SUNDAY BY SUNDAY THE NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN IN ATTENDANCE IN EITHER READING-ROOM.

Date.	Upper Reading-Room		Lower Reading-Room		Both Reading-Rooms		Total	Weather
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
April 10	97	23	88	14	185	37	222	Rainy.
" 17	33	17	42	10	75	27	102	Pleasant.
" 24	65	32	50	27	115	59	174	Rainy.
May 1	37	6	35	21	72	27	99	Pleasant.
" 8	44	42	54	12	98	59	157	Stormy.
" 15	38	21	40	10	78	31	109	"
" 22	13	6	38	2	51	8	59	Pleasant.
" 29	20	6	29	2	49	8	57	"
June 5	17	15	31	7	48	22	70	"
" 12	13	3	18	3	31	6	37	Warm & Pl.
" 19	19	2	49	4	68	8	73	Rainy.
" 26	14	21	21	5	35	26	61	.....

This gives a daily average of 102 2-3 for both rooms. [Average for week days was 55.] Vacation during July and August.

Sept. 4	9	14	19	6	28	20	48	The weather had considerable influence on attendance. As it grew cooler, and on stormy days especially the attendance was larger.
" 11	20	10	33	2	53	12	65	
" 18	21	5	44	2	65	7	72	
" 25	26	15	43	5	69	20	89	
Oct. 2	35	10	44	7	79	17	96	
" 9	18	17	40	5	58	22	80	
" 16	43	22	87	15	130	37	167	
" 23	48	20	41	17	89	37	126	
Nov. 20	43	23	64	9	107	32	139	
Dec. 4	50	17	60	3	110	20	130	
" 11	42	19	28	27	70	46	116	
" 18	57	26	109	8	166	34	200	
" 25	24	14	45	7	69	21	90	
Jan. 1	40	19	77	15	117	34	151	
" 8	52	46	62	6	114	52	166	
" 15	63	37	65	17	128	54	182	
" 22	48	26	65	15	113	41	154	
" 29	64	36	55	18	119	54	173	
Total Sept. to Feb.	703	376	981	184	1,084	560	2,244	
Daily Av'ge	50	21	54½	10	93.6	31	124.6	

* Library closed for a few weeks.

APPENDIX 4.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1898.

DONORS.	Vols.	Pamphlets and Papers.
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register" ..		52
Amherst College		2
Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill.		2
Baldwin, Edward D., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Graphic"		52
Barker, F. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc.</i>		200
Benton, J. H., Jr.		1
Boston Board of Commissioners of the Dept. of Parks..	1	
Boston Public Library		1
Bowdoin College Library		1
Bustin, William H., Jr.		2
Cambridge	1	
Cambridge Public Library		1
Cambridge Woman's Christian Temperance Union	1	
Canning Town Public Library		1
Channing, Walter		3
Chase, Walter G.		2
Chelsea	1	
Chelsea Soldiers' Home		1
Clarke, Geo. K.		1
Clay, Charles L.		1
Consolidated Coal Co.		1
Crawford, Fred E.	1	
Critchett, Fred E.	2	2
Danvers, Peabody Institute		1
Draper, Hon. Wm. F., "Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office," Public documents, <i>etc.</i>	4	52
Elliott, Sterling, <i>editor</i> , "L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads"		52
Farquhar, David	1	
Free Religious Association		1
Gallinger, J. H.		1

Gilman, E. A.....		1
Griswold, W. M.....		1
Hapgood, Warren.....	1	
Harvard University.....	1	1
Hill, F. Stanhope, <i>editor</i> , "Cambridge Tribune".....		53
Home Market Club.....		12
Houghton, F. O., & Co.....		1
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference.....		1
Learned, Mrs. S. S.....	3	
Longmans, Green & Co.....		1
Lummis, Charles F., <i>editor</i> , "Land of Sunshine".....		12
McGlenen, Edward W.....		1
Macmillan & Co., "Book Reviews".....		10
Mann, Rev. Chas. H., <i>editor</i> , "New Church Messenger".....		52
Mass. Agricultural Experimental Station.....		4
Mass. Civil Service Commissioners.....		1
Mass. Free Public Library Commission.....		1
Mass. Institute of Technology.....	1	
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	24	
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		12
Mass. Trustees of Public Reservations.....		1
Mount Holyoke College.....		1
Murray, T. H.....		1
New England Anti-Vivisection Society.....		8
Oliver Ditson Co.....		2
Olmstead, D. O.....	2	
Orange Judd Co.....	1	
Palmer, Mrs. C. F.....	1	
Parsons, J. Russell.....		1
Perry Mason & Co.....		1
Pratt, Geo. H., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Journal".....		52
Pratt Institute Free Library, Brooklyn, N. Y.....		1
Princeton University.....		1
Putnam, John J.....	1	
Putnam's Sons, "Notes on New Books".....		2
Pynchon, Joseph C.....		1
Reform Club.....	1	3
Richardson, Wm. A., Estate of.....	1	
Roberts, W. E.....		1
Robbins, Fred.....	1	7
Smithsonian Institution.....	5	6
Stockin, A. C.....	1	
Stowell, Miss Emma.....		1
Swan, Robt. T.....	1	
Towle Manufacturing Co.....	1	

Travelers' Insurance Co., "Travelers' Record".....		12
Tufts College.....		40
United States Bureau of Education.....	3	
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1	
United States Department of Interior.....	51	3
United States Department of Labor.....	1	6
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	
United States Library of Congress.....		1
United States Life Saving Service.....	1	
United States Superintendent of Documents.....	3	
University of Pennsylvania.....	1	1
Unknown.....	2	1
Waltham City Clerk.....	1	
Watertown Magazine Club		332
Whitehead, Rev. John.....		5
Whitney, Solon F.....		3
Whitney, William H.....	1	
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "Union Signal."		49
Women's Educational and Industrial Union.....		8

We have received reports from the public libraries of the following cities and towns:— Baltimore, Md. (Enoch Pratt Free Library); Beverly; Boston; Brookline; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt. (Fletcher Free Library); Cambridge; Chicago, Ill. (Newberry Library); Cincinnati, O.; Clinton; Concord; Everett; Fall River; Hoboken, N. J.; Lancaster; Lawrence; Lynn; Malden; Medford; Melrose; Minneapolis, Minn.; Natick (Morse Institute Library); New Bedford; Newton; Northampton (Forbes Library); Paterson, N. J.; Providence, R. I.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Salem; Somerville; Taunton; Tokyo, Japan; Waltham; Westboro; Weymouth (Tufts Library); Winthrop; Woburn; Worcester.

We have received bulletins from the public libraries of the following cities and towns:— Arlington (Robbins Library); Boston; Brookline; Cambridge; Fitchburg; Helena, Mont.; Lawrence; Medford; Minneapolis, Minn.; St. Louis, Mo. (Mercantile Library Association); Scranton, Pa.; Springfield; Taunton; Waltham; Wayland; Weymouth (Tufts Library); Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (Osterhout Free Library).

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Atlantic Monthly.	Musical Record.
Blackwood's Magazine.	New Church Messenger.
Book Reviews.	N. E. Historical and Gen. Register.
Boston Public Library Bulletins.	New England Magazine.
Brookline Public Library Bulletin.	Newton Graphic.
Cambridge Public Library Bulletin.	Newton Journal.
Cambridge Tribune.	New World.
Catholic World.	Nineteenth Century.
Century Magazine.	North American Review.
Christian Register.	Notes and Queries (London).
Contemporary Review.	Official Gazette of U.S. Patent Office
Cosmopolitan.	Our Dumb Animals.
Dublin Review.	Providence Public Library Bulletin.
Edinburg Review.	Punch.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Quarterly Review.
Fliegende Blätter.	Review of Reviews.
Fortnightly Review.	St Nicholas.
Forum.	Scribner's Monthly Magazine.
Good Roads.	Specifications and drawings of U.
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Harper's Magazine.	Springfield Library Bulletin.
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Lawrence Public Library Bulletin.	Tufts Weekly.
Land of Sunshine.	Union Signal.
Library Journal.	U. S. Dept. of Labor Bulletin.
Library News Letter.	Waltham Public Library Bulletin.
Life (N. Y.)	Watertown Enterprise
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Literary World.	

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Boston Evening Journal, daily incl. Sunday.	New England Homestead.
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Decorator and Furnisher.	Photographic Times.
Education.	Popular Science Monthly.
Electrical Engineer.	Public Libraries.
Engineering, London.	Scientific American.
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Great Round World.	Shoppell's Modern Houses.
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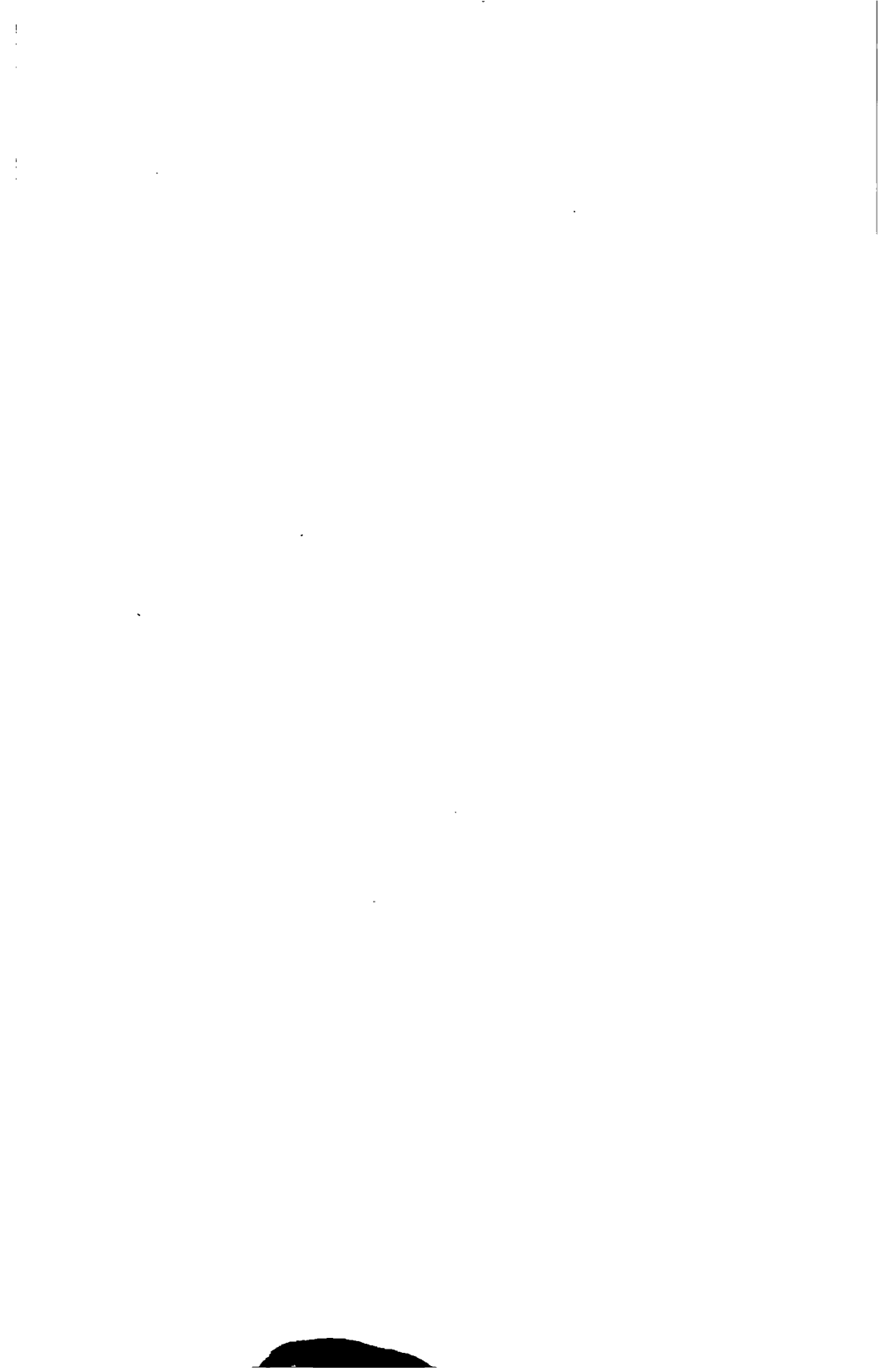
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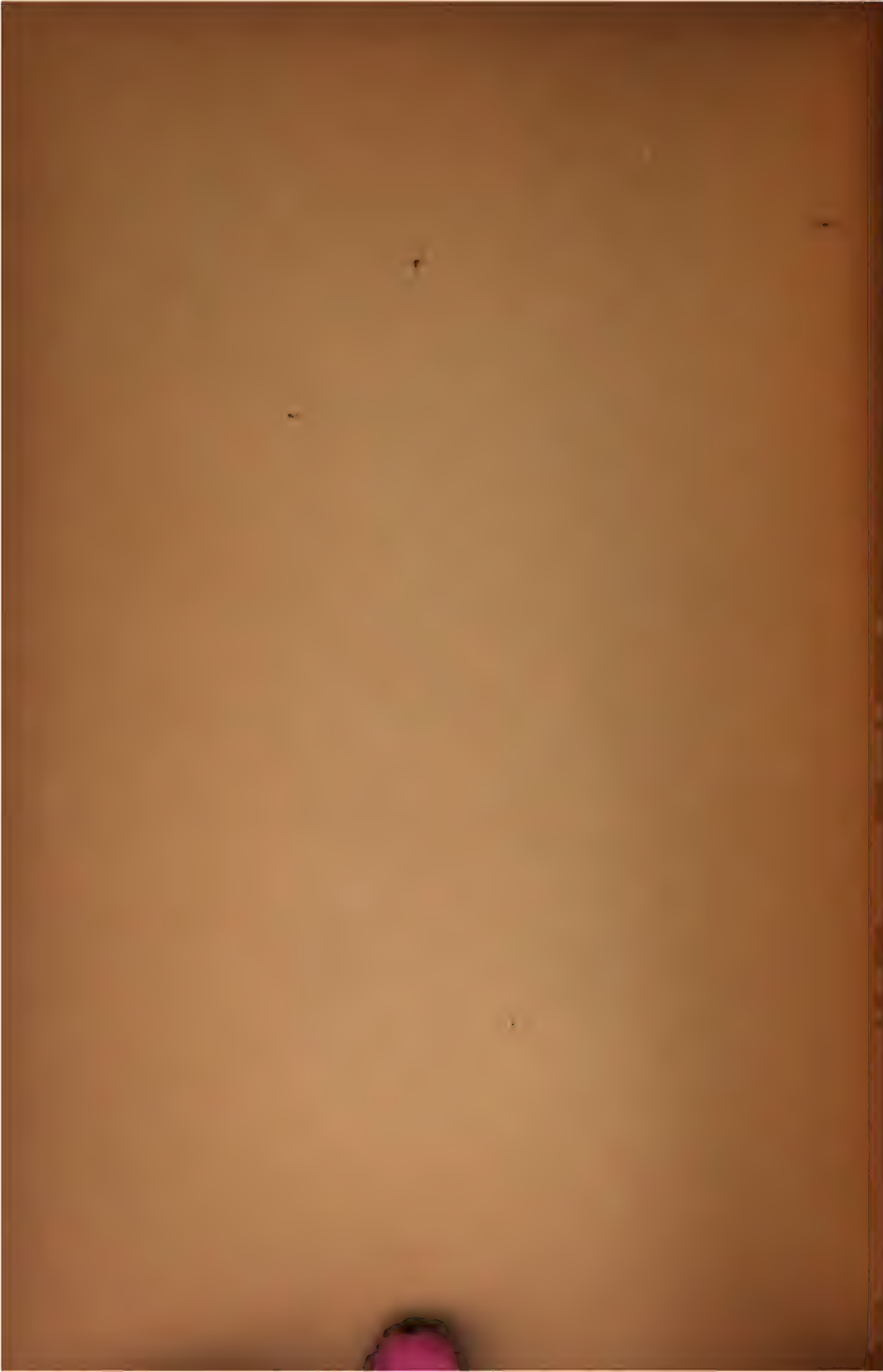
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

In presenting their thirty-second annual report, the Trustees have no unusual recommendation to make, and the affairs of the library present but few topics requiring special mention. Reference may be made to the Librarian's report and to the accompanying tables for detailed information concerning the work of the past year. It is gratifying to note not only the increase in the total circulation, but also the extensive use of books of an educational character. The percentage of fiction circulated is comparatively low, and the high average quality of the books called for furnishes ground for the belief that our public library is fulfilling the essential purpose of its existence.

Hunnewell Hall was completed about mid-summer, but, owing to a lack of funds, the Trustees were unable to undertake the work of altering the stack room in accordance with the terms of Mr. Hunnewell's gift. The required amount, however, was generously appropriated by the Town at its December meeting, and it is the purpose of the Trustees to begin the proposed work at an early date and to hasten its completion as fast as circumstances will permit.

In May last, a branch delivery station was established at East Watertown, which brought our collection of books within convenient reach of the residents of that neighborhood. A similar station might be established in the westerly section of the town, if it is desired, and the Trustees would invite a candid expression of opinion from any citizens who may be interested in that project.

The Trustees regret to report the resignation from the Board of the Rev. James F. Kelly, who has left Watertown to enter upon a new field of labor in Newton. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Town to elect another trustee to fill the vacancy caused by Father Kelly's retirement.

We regret also to report the resignation by Miss Jane Stockwell of the position of first assistant. Miss Stockwell has been a faithful servant of the library for twenty-two years and she leaves a record of efficiency and devotion which merits grateful acknowledgement.

For the ensuing year, we recommend the appropriation of the same amount as was appropriated last year, namely, four thousand dollars and the dog tax.

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT COOLIDGE,

Chairman.

Statement of the Amount Received and Expended by the Trustees for the Year 1899-1900.

Received from town appropriation,	\$4,000 00
" " dog tax,	461 70
" " sale of catalogues,	6 65
" " fines, books damaged, etc.,	129 85
" " unexpended balance of last year,	20 82
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Paid out for books, \$637.36; binding, \$74.17,	\$711 53
Periodicals, \$178.35; express, \$17.11,	195 46
Postoffice box and postage, \$14.47; supplies, \$38.82,	53 29
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Repairs, \$250.71; new boiler, our part, \$312.00,	562 71
Fuel, \$160.80; light, \$265.01,	425 81
Extra labor, \$6.31; incidentals, \$16.12,	22 43
Membership in Library Art Club and expense,	9 55
Care of building and grounds,	338 87
Salaries,	2,161 21
East Watertown Agency,	34 55
Balance in hands of Town Treasurer,	54 61
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Respectfully submitted,

WALTER B. SNOW, *Treasurer.*

Statement of the Condition of the Asa Pratt Fund.

Amount invested, in hands of Trustees,	\$5,000 00
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INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on deposit in the Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1899,	\$1,448 39	
Rec'd interest on bond to December, 1899,	250 00	
Rec'd interest on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	57 23	
	<hr/>	\$1,755 62
Paid S. F. Whitney, Librarian, for periodicals,	\$175 00	
Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank, Feb. 1, 1899,	1,580 62	
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H. W. OTIS,
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Statement of the Condition of the Barry Fund.

Amount deposited in Watertown Savings Bank,	\$1,000 00
Rec'd interest on deposit,	20 00
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Balance on deposit in Watertown Savings Bank,	\$1,020 00

Statement of the Condition of the Building and Stack Appropriation.

Amount appropriated in December last,	\$8,500 00
Paid H. McLauthlin, bal. bill for masonry,	231 85
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Balance in hands of Town Treasurer,	\$8,268 15

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Free Public Library of Watertown:

GENTLEMEN,—The work of the library has gone on during the past year with varying success, as you may learn from the various appendices. During the first half of the year our attention was somewhat diverted from the usual routine by the changes going on in the building, incident to the completion of the Hunnewell addition. This was practically finished so far as the builder's work extended, last summer. We hope by another summer that the other changes contemplated will have been finished, and the new stacks will be ready for the relocation of the books of the library in an improved form of arrangement. The task before us is one we have long been hoping to see accomplished, but a task which will involve a large amount of time and labor. It is the thing, however, most needed to put the library in the best condition for intelligent use.

With the new book room finished and occupied, the new reference reading-room — the Hunnewell hall — will be ready for its furnishings of cases, tables, chairs, and fixtures for lighting. If properly managed and well used, as there is reason to expect that it may be, it will be of great advantage to all our people, including the younger portion in the formative period of growth in knowledge and character. It will be of especial value to all adults whenever they wish to read up on any subject of inquiry or interest — invaluable to our youth while they are students in any of our neighboring colleges or technical schools — an inspiration and a leading hand to many of the pupils of our own schools, fired by their teachers or their own active brains to broaden out the regular courses of study. Every convenience helping to make our books accessible to and usable by these people should be furnished

in this room, whatever it may cost to procure it. We have many valuable books of reference ready to put into the cases that should go into this room, enough to completely fill the room at once, although I am well aware that when they are in place where the whole collection can be examined and compared, as they cannot well be now, it will seem desirable to improve and supplement it by filling up gaps in some subjects and in substituting more recent books in others. This is a matter that it will take time and experience to regulate, but the furnishing of the room with cases and tables can be determined on now, and your knowledge and wisdom, and the needs of our readers will gradually determine the other, which, of course, is the most important factor in the future usefulness of the room.

Our library building, with the addition of Hunnewell hall and the historical room, where we hope to see gathered the files of our local and other papers, our town documents and our sets of state, town and local histories, with the new children's room, and the two reading-rooms, and the newly furnished book-room, will be a thing for the town to take pride in. When in my mind's eye I look to the future when the whole plan of the building is completed, as I hope by the help of some wealthy son of the town it will be completed, by the erection on the east side of another wing like the one Mr. Hunnewell has built on the west side, and the entrance then transferred to the centre, I see a harmonious, ample, beautiful building that will be as great a credit to this old town as the magnificent Congressional library building is to our nation.

For the completion of this large plan we can afford to wait. It will help us to enjoy what we have, however, to view it provisionally as a great and useful part of a grander whole.

PRESENT USE OF THE LIBRARY.

By Appendix 1 it will be seen that the circulation of books for library use and for home reading is rather in excess of that for most previous years. The opening of an agency at East Water-town has contributed something to this result. Doubtless similar

facilities extended to other parts of the town would increase still further the use of the library in those parts of the town.

The fact that the pupils of some of our schools have been quite active in the use of reference books, is another reason for this increase. They doubtless are acquiring that valuable knowledge got best under direction of active and wise teachers and only by their own practice, which will enable them in future years to profit most by such a collection of valuable knowledge as our library contains.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF BOOKS. BINDING.

The number of books added the past year is shown by this appendix to be much smaller than last year, less than half as large as in the most favorable year, although the number of books *purchased* is nearly the average of the last ten years. Last year we added 276 volumes by binding a large number of papers and pamphlets. We have ready for the binder, or in the binder's hands, a much larger number than last year. Would it not be well to ask for a somewhat larger appropriation than usual for binding, that our stock of papers and pamphlets may be put in condition for preservation and use? A file of daily papers bound so as to be preserved and put in proper cases where any volume could be easily accessible — of the time of our Revolutionary War, for instance — would be of priceless value to the student of history. What side-lights would be thrown on the history of that age. We should do something in this direction for those who come after us. A leading New York paper, a leading Boston paper, and all ever published in our own town would certainly be required to satisfy a reasonable demand. These could be supplemented in extended inquiries by the larger collections in Boston. There is a fine opportunity for some wealthy descendant of the town to establish a useful fund for the binding of the valuable series of periodicals which the library receives from the income of the Pratt fund. The scientific and artistic periodicals thus obtained would form in time a very large series, a series that will increase in value as it is extended.

If some of the copies of these periodicals are completely worn out in the reading-rooms, this fact only attests to their great present use. It may be best in some cases to take additional copies for binding.

GROWING INTEREST IN OUR READING-ROOMS.

The growing interest in the reading-rooms is attested by the fact not only of greater wear of periodicals, but by the larger attendance. The usual quiet generally prevailing in the rooms shows the wisdom of having a constant attendant, as well as a truer appreciation of the use of the rooms.

THE NUMBER OF PERSONS USING THE LIBRARY.

The number of new cards issued during the year has been exceeded only once since the first two years after the library was first opened. Some cards are now used that were issued thirty years ago, while some issued within a few months are cancelled by their owners moving from town. We propose a new registration soon when it will be possible to determine more exactly the number of persons actually drawing books from the library. So far it has been necessary for a person to sign the book of obligations but once to retain the right to take books from the library. A short time ago there was an interesting incident at the library. A browned and bearded man called at the library for a card, when it was ascertained by looking up his name in the indexes that he still retained the right which he acquired when a youth, to use the library on his return to the town after a life of more than twenty-five years in the west.

THE EXTENT OF THE CIRCULATION.

The number of volumes issued during the past year as shown by Appendix 1 is over forty thousand (40,555). This includes the six thousand (6,359) issued from the stack to readers in the reading-room. Of course no account is taken of the large use of books placed on the shelves of the reading-rooms which are

open free to all. This number, forty thousand, exceeded but twice in the history of the library, is, with our population estimated at 8,000, over 5 books for each man, woman and child in the town. This fact taken with the further showing of Appendix 3 that the percentage of fiction and children's books is only 59 per cent. of the whole number, shows a condition of use in the town far better than in most large communities, even where the percentage of use of books of history, travels and science is much smaller. Many public libraries have to report as large as seventy-five and even eighty-five percentage of fiction and juveniles. This large percentage of such books classed together merely because they are stories, without consideration of the character of their subject-matter, whether historical or chiefly pictorial, or philosophical or scientific, and so only classed by author and title, makes the administration of such a library more simple and easy.

THE WORK OF LIBRARIANS.

The work of classifying, cataloguing and arranging the books of a library increases with the number and variety of classes as well as with the number of volumes. It is noted of each new assistant who comes into the library without previous experience, as most of ours do, that after the two or three days required to familiarize them with the notation and arrangement of books by numbers, and the charm of being able to hand out to callers, including their friends, whatever they call for by number, as all are by direction expected to call, that there seems to be a special pleasure, a delight even, to charge and hand out books. The speedy acquisition of the necessary knowledge for this work produces, we suppose, a species of elation, as if the acquisition of the knowledge necessary to run a library had been mastered. While assistants grow less self-confident as they gain truer insight into the limitations of their knowledge and as the range of questions constantly increases, their real interest gradually increases with each new investigation and with the difficulties

overcome which are met in giving real service to the public. This would not be mentioned but in an effort to dispel certain popular delusions as to library service.

The Atlantic monthly for February of this year gives in its leading article by Mr. Herbert Putnam on the Library of Congress some interesting information on library work in general, as well as on the vast collection of books over the administration of which he presides. After discussing the history of that library and describing the character of that particular series of collections now in that "largest, most imposing, most sumptuous, and most costly library building in the world," speaks of the kinds of work necessary to be done in any library to make it efficient in its administration. What he finds there he might find in our library, most of the "books arranged neatly on the shelves," but that we need to rearrange as he thinks it best with that library, to rearrange, to re-classify "upon a system that should be elastic." This is just what we have already begun, and shall continue when we obtain our new and enlarged system of shelving. Fortunately we have our card catalogue on the dictionary system both for the public and for use in the librarian's office. We are enlarging and perfecting our subject catalogues. We have our accession catalogue complete from the first book to the last added to our collection, giving the history of each book in its relation to our library, and we have complete shelf lists which are our inventories of stock on hand, always ready for examination of the library or for use as subject catalogues so far as books are arranged by subject on the shelves. The accession catalogue is a permanent chronological history of the library, of each book as it is put into the library, but the shelf lists will all have to be rewritten as we relocate books upon the new shelves by subjects. What is said in regard to printed lists and printed catalogues, their great usefulness and great expense, you will best read in his admirable article.

I hope the reading of Mr. Putnam's article will convince people when they see how many of the expensive and time-consuming

agencies must be employed in every first-class library, most of which we have already had prepared for our library, that our library has been administered in a fairly correct and in an extremely economical manner. If, therefore, when the shelving is complete and additional help is asked for to make new shelf-lists and to improve by rearrangement the collocation of books by subjects and more minute subdivisions of subjects, you will think the request reasonable.

LIBRARY SERVICE.

We lost the services of the first assistant, Miss Jane Stockwell, last summer, after over twenty years of faithful application to duty. She was conscientious to the least item of labor, uniformly attentive to the calls of readers and the requirements of library work, and we hope for her in her future all success and happiness. The new shelf list of fiction beautifully done so far as completed, will be a memorial of her work, which fortunately in the new arrangement of the library will not have to be changed, as the class of fiction was rearranged alphabetically by authors and titles before this was written. We hope she may be able and willing to give us the benefit occasionally of similar service.

The second assistant, Miss Learned, who for nearly a half year has done the work of the first assistant, has shown herself well qualified in character, in her genial nature, her uniformly exact and conscientious labors, as well as by her cheerful cooperation in all changes required in a growing library, to be well fitted for the work that falls to her hands. All my assistants are interested in their duties, faithful, desirous of learning, and worthy of commendation.

AGENCY AT EAST WATERTOWN.

The agency which was established at East Watertown last June has been fairly successful. While the number of books circulated is not as large* as might be expected, the cost is not

*While full statistics have been kept at the agency and at the library it may suffice to say that from June 6, 1899, to Jan. 31st, 630 volumes and 6 magazines have been sent at a cost of not more than 5 1-2 cents per volume. This will be even less in future.

large. So our experience there should encourage you to establish agencies in other places where the demand is earnest. Perhaps the people nearer Mount Auburn who have expressed a wish for such service should be attended to. Some one whose business is near Mt. Auburn bridge and post office might be found to receive and give out the books to that neighborhood. The agent who served very acceptably for the first few months at East Watertown, and is now the station agent at Bemis, would be a good one to serve in Bemis. Perhaps the teachers of the Hosmer school would be better served by sending them regularly a basket of such books as they would select. Their pupils have been active and constant visitors and students in the library.

THE LIBRARY IN THE SCHOOLS.

It is sufficient to say in addition to what is said above, that the library has always sought to encourage every form of coöperation between the library and the schools. The librarian has always been ready to discuss ways and methods of coöperation with the busy superintendent of schools, as doubtless you have been with the school committee. I think it possible to do more in this town, to do as much as is done in any other town or city. I wish here to acknowledge the evidence seen in the reading of many young people of conscientious and faithful work done for pupils by the teachers of many of the schools.

GIFTS.

While the library has received no large gifts of books or money for books during the current year, Appendix 4 will show in the aggregate quite a number of valuable additions. Among these may be mentioned the gift of a long line of Watertown papers, beginning with the Watertown edition of the Waltham Press, the Watertown Press, and the Enterprise, a duplicate set from 1863 to 1873, 1879 to 1895, all from Mr. John H. Kendall. Mr. Ward M. Otis has given a very full set of Scribner's Monthly and its continuation, the Century Magazine, Volume 9 to 49, inclu-

sive. These will be useful for binding for one of the reading-rooms. Allow me to say here what the first Chairman said repeatedly, that people who have such material to dispose of can not do a better thing than to send it to the library. In almost any lot, especially in any lot of miscellaneous pamphlets accumulated in the attics of old families, will be some pamphlets of local interest and use which it would be hard to purchase. Of course such things as the library already has might be returned or used in exchange for other periodicals required to complete sets.

The Union Bag and Paper Company has continued its gifts of excellent covering paper, and the library returns its thanks to the company and to its agent, Mr. F. H. Robie, for his courtesy in the matter.

The Magazine Club has continued its gift of periodicals and books after use which do good service with us.

The publishers of the Watertown Enterprise, of the Newton Journal and of the Newton Graphic, as well as of the Cambridge Tribune send regularly their papers.

The editor of the "Land of Sunshine," published in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Charles F. Lummis, remembers his early home in this town, and sends his admirable little magazine. We are glad to have on our list of books also, several from his pen.

It will be seen from Appendix 4 that Rev. Charles H. Mann sends us his paper the "New Church Messenger." The American Unitarian Association send as they have done for thirty years, "The Christian Register." Our own citizen, Mr. Sterling Elliott, sends regularly his "Elliott's Magazine, including the L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads." The Woman's Christian Temperance Union send regularly to the reading-room "The Union Signal." Our member of Congress, Hon. Charles F. Sprague sends us each week, "The official gazette of the United States Patent Office," besides many valuable scientific and other public documents. Our thanks are due to the State of Massachusetts for regular bound sets of public documents, to depart-

ments of government both national, state, and municipal, for documents, and to a long list of libraries and other institutions for reports and catalogues, as is shown in this Appendix 4.

The Asa Pratt fund yields an increasing amount as is shown by the financial statement. By the last appendix (5) it will be seen that the list credited to this fund has been somewhat improved by adding finely illustrated journals. The more expensive of these are given out only on call and after being charged to the ones who are held responsible for their use.

The Barry fund is credited with only six month's interest, a matter of book-keeping, as a year's interest is due in April. I hope that the income of this fund and of other funds which others are invited to establish may be devoted to the purchase of reference books for the reference reading-room.

I wish personally to express my gratitude to all who have helped the funds, to all who have contributed to our store of books and periodicals, and especially to Mr. Hunnewell, the donor of the addition to the building; and to you, gentlemen, who give of your valuable time and talents to perfect the work of this institution.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SOLON F. WHITNEY,
Librarian.

APPENDIX 1. USE AND GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894	1895	1896	1897	1898	1899
Total number of volumes in the Library.....	19,565	20,684	21,472	22,194	22,431	23,352	23,816	24,361	25,064	25,552
Increase during the year.....	653	1,129	778	722	237	921	464	545	703	482
Increase by purchase.....	363	749	253	337	318	508	371	409	315	384
Increase by gift.....	127	148	216	179	89	116	132	126	112	78
Increase by binding pamphlets.....	163	243	229	211	124	269	84	10	276	26
Increase by exchange of duplicates.....		62	80	5	2	27				
Withdrawn as worn out, or exchanged as duplicates		78		60	296		123			
Total number of pamphlets and papers in the Library	24,376	24,871	27,392	28,369	19,751	20,293	24,333	28,604	28,545	26,837
Pamphlets and papers purchased from appropriation	1,083	1,094	1,188	613	616	630	841	816	859	900
Pamphlets and papers purchased from Asa Pratt fund	1,948	2,216	3,285	3,198	3,114	3,249	3,324	3,435	3,326	3,695
Increase of pamphlets and papers by gift or exchange	3,007	1,721	4,340	2,194	1,848	2,189	2,821	1,756	1,319	1,474
Of these there were bound or exchanged or sold....	4,326	4,536	5,335	4,492	14,196	5,526	2,946	1,844	5,705	7,777
Total number of persons who have taken out cards..	5,656	5,931	6,236	6,539	6,794	7,041	7,310	7,549	7,816	8,112
Number of new persons taking out cards.....	276	295	285	303	255	247	269	239	267	296
Total number of volumes issued.....	35,640	34,339	35,101	35,037	42,083	41,633	39,162	38,880	38,111	40,555
Total number of volumes issued for home use.....	31,010	30,739	29,486	27,909	33,033	35,181	33,646	34,643	33,193	34,196
Consulted in Library besides those in Reading-room	4,630	4,200	5,615	7,128	9,050	6,453	5,516	4,237	4,918	6,359
Number of books covered.....	1,521	5,646	4,675	4,605	5,207	4,753	4,198	2,553	3,500	5,274
Money received for catalogues.....	\$6.75	\$4.65	\$7.55	\$8.05	\$4.60	\$4.70	\$2.90	\$28.40	\$6.65	\$0.65
Money received for fines, and books lost or damaged	123.18	139.13	131.39	120.74	112.64	126.05	128.50	122.16	118.05	129.85

THE LIBRARY AND READING ROOMS ARE OPEN ON SUNDAYS FROM 3 TO 9 O'CLOCK, ON OTHER DAYS
(EXCEPT LEGAL HOLIDAYS) FROM 2 TO 9 O'CLOCK.

APPENDIX 2.
Home use by months, under 12 classes of books; Library use for the year by the same classes.

	Periodicals.	Reference.	Fiction and Juveniles.	Travels.	Literature and Art.	Theology and Religion.	Education.	Bibliography.	Poetry.	History.	Science.	Social Science.	Total.
Jan.	297	18	2164	92	103	22	18	96	37	171	104	28	3150
Feb.	219	7	2194	113	136	20	22	98	48	166	81	27	3140
March	328	6	2510	133	142	29	29	107	83	194	86	28	3674
April	324	23	1942	118	126	27	25	103	60	179	73	25	3015
May	306	10	1841	101	132	22	21	98	43	167	77	34	2832
June	232	2	1841	81	77	15	26	51	30	86	82	24	2267
July	257	2	1792	80	85	23	29	42	14	49	74	26	2473
August	237	5	1678	73	103	30	25	41	10	78	101	9	2390
Sept.	289	2	1740	57	99	18	29	76	29	169	93	30	2631
Oct.	287	7	1723	80	127	19	35	101	31	155	91	47	2703
Nov.	342	8	1824	122	146	17	22	106	45	169	95	33	2929
Dec.	355	7	1921	93	133	19	22	102	46	165	76	33	2972
Total Home Use	3493	97	22,870	1143	1499	270	303	1021	466	1748	1032	344	34,196
Total Library Use	2837	748	976	166	212	22	96	139	86	616	352	109	6,869
Grand Total	6330	845	23,846	1309	1621	292	399	1160	552	2364	1384	453	40,565
Percentages	15.5	2.	59.	3.2	4.	.7	.9	3.	1.3	5.7	3.4	1.1	

APPENDIX 3.

GIVING SUNDAY BY SUNDAY THE NUMBER OF MEN AND WOMEN IN ATTENDANCE IN EITHER READING-ROOM.

Date.		Upper Reading-Room		Lower Reading-Room		Both Reading-Rooms		Total
		Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	
Feb.	5	64	35	109	4	173	39	212
"	12	65	22	71	12	136	34	170
"	19	46	38	64	5	110	43	153
"	26	61	43	80	4	141	47	188
Mar.	5	60	10	57	11	117	21	138
"	12	48	25	56	9	104	34	138
"	19	59	10	59	1	118	11	129
"	26	89	38	87	7	176	45	221
April	9	78	36	64	23	142	59	201
"	16	63	24	52	4	115	28	143
"	23	13	8	14	0	27	8	35
"	30	24	9	11	3	35	12	47
May	7	23	4	12	2	35	6	41
"	14	13	7	26	2	39	9	48
"	21	52	14	55	3	107	17	124
"	28	26	13	34	0	60	13	73
June	4	11	14	24	5	35	19	54
"	11	23	4	29	1	52	5	57
"	18	9	11	32	4	41	15	56
"	25	23	18	28	15	51	33	84
Vacation during July and August.								
Sept.	3	5	9	23	6	28	15	43
"	10	20	19	31	8	51	27	78
"	17	19	12	36	11	55	23	78
"	24	20	17	33	10	53	27	80
Oct.	1	21	19	64	16	85	35	120
"	8	31	20	50	13	81	33	114
"	15	27	29	46	17	73	46	119
"	22	40	14	58	11	98	25	123
"	29	64	20	92	2	156	22	178
Nov.	5	40	17	66	13	106	30	136
"	12	83	40	110	20	193	60	253
"	19	44	19	53	2	97	21	118
"	26	77	36	64	8	141	44	185
Dec.	3	33	33	73	0	106	33	139
"	10	38	29	51	10	89	39	128
"	17	44	31	53	6	97	37	134
"	24	31	3	58	1	69	4	73
"	31	43	3	23	17	66	20	86
Jan.	7	45	25	80	10	125	35	160
"	14	42	35	80	8	122	43	165
"	21	58	33	110	0	168	33	201
"	28	27	12	61	0	88	12	100
Total	. . . . .	1,702	858	2,259	304	3,061	1,162	5,123
Daily Average	. . . . .	40.5	20.4	53.8	7.2	94.3	27.6	121.9

APPENDIX 4.

LIST OF DONATIONS OF BOOKS, PAMPHLETS, PAPERS, ETC.,
GIVEN DURING THE YEAR 1899.

DONORS.	Vols.	Pamphlets and Papers.
American Manual Training Association.....		1
American National Red Cross Relief Committee.....	1	
American Unitarian Association, "Christian Register."		52
Amherst College.....		1
Appleton & Company.....		1
Atkinson, Edward.....		3
Baldwin, Edward D., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Graphic".....		52
Barker, Fred. G., "Watertown Enterprise," <i>etc.</i>		223
Bemis, Miss Julia A.....	1	
Berkshire Athenæum.....		1
Boston Board of Commissioners of the Dept. of Parks....		1
Boston Public Library.....	2	13
Boston Record Commissioners.....	1	
Brunner, George.....		1
Burrows Brothers & Company.....		1
Cambridge Public Library, Bulletins and Reports.	1	13
Chase, Walter G.....		1
Chelsea Soldiers' Home.....		1
Chicago, John Crerar Library.....		1
Coolidge, Herbert.....		44
Crowell & Kirkpatrick Company.....		11
Danvers, Peabody Institute.....		1
District of Columbia Public Library.....		1
Draper, Hon. William F.....	2	
Edgecomb, Miss Nellie C.....	3	
Elliott, Sterling, <i>editor</i> , "Elliott's Magazine, including L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads"		31
Fukuzawa, Ichitaro, Tokyo, Japan.....		3
Glover, H. Clay.....	1	1
Green, Samuel S.....		1
Halliday, O. W.....		18
Harvard University.....	1	
Hill, F. Stanhope, <i>editor</i> , "Cambridge Tribune".....		52

Home Market Club.....		17
Houghton, Mifflin & Company.....	I	
Indian Rights Association.....		3
Japan, Imperial Library	I	
Lake Mohonk Arbitration Conference.....		I
Lexington, Town of	I	
Lippincott, J. B.....		I
Little, Brown & Company.....	I	
Longmans, Green & Company.....		I
Lowell Textile School.....		I
Lummis, Charles F., <i>editor</i> , "Land of Sunshine".....		11
Macmillan & Company.....		10
Malden, City of.....	I	
Mann, Rev. C. H., <i>editor</i> , "New Church Messenger".....		53
Mass. Agricultural Experimental Station.....		2
Mass. Charitable Mechanics Association.....		I
Mass. Institute of Technology.....	I	I
Mass. Reform Club.....		I
Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth.....	24	2
Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.....		12
Mass. State Library.....	I	
Mass. Total Abstinence Society.....		I
Mass. Trustees of Public Reservations.....		I
Mass. Volunteer Aid Association.....	I	
Melville, George W.		I
New York Tribune.....	I	
Newark, N. J., Public Library.....		I
Orange Judd Company.....	I	
Otis, Mr. Ward M., Scribner and Century, vol. 9 22.....		228
Peabody, Peabody Institute.....		2
Pratt, George H., <i>editor</i> , "Newton Journal".....		50
Pratt Institute Free Library.....		4
Quaritch, Bernard, Catalogues.....		4
Roberts, W. E.....		I
Rowe, Dr. G. H. M.....		I
Scots' Charitable Society of Boston.....	I	
Smithsonian Institution.....	7	3
Snow, Walter B.....	I	
South Weymouth, Fogg Library.....		I
Sprague, Hon. Charles F., "Official Gazette of U. S. Patent Office, etc.....	I	56
Stowell, Miss Emma.....		4
Tabor Academy, Marion.....		I
Travelers' Insurance Company, "Travelers' Record"...		10
Tufts College.....	I	42

United States Bureau of Education.....	2	
United States Bureau of the Mint.....	1	
United States Civil Service Commission.....	1	
United States Department of Agriculture.....		11
United States Department of Interior.....		24
United States Department of Labor.....	3	6
United States Interstate Commerce Commission.....	1	
United States Life Saving Service.....	1	
United States Lighthouse Board.....	1	
United States Superintendent of Documents.....	2	16
United States War Department Library.....	1	
University of Pennsylvania.....	1	
Unknown.....		25
Villafranca, Richard.....	1	
Waltham City Clerk.....	1	
Watertown Magazine Club.....	1	292
Whitney, Solon F.....		9
Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "The Signal"..		50

We have received reports from the public libraries of the following cities and towns:—Boston; Brookline; Brooklyn, N. Y.; Burlington, Vt. (Fletcher Free Library); Cambridge; Chelsea (Fitz Public Library); Chicago, Ill.; Cincinnati, O.; Concord; Everett; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Lawrence; Leominster; Lynn; Malden; Melrose; Minneapolis, Minn.; Natick (Morse Institute Library); Newark, N. J.; Newton; Northampton (Forbes Library); Patterson, N. J.; Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Salem; Scranton, Pa.; Somerville; Springfield; Syracuse, N. Y.; Taunton; Weymouth (Tufts Library); Winthrop; Worcester.

We have received bulletins from the public libraries of the following cities and towns:—Arlington (Robbins Library); Boston; Brookline; Cambridge; Fitchburg; Lawrence; Lowell; St. Paul, Minn.; Salem; Scranton, Pa.; Springfield; Taunton; Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (Osterhout Free Library); Woburn.

APPENDIX 5.

LIST OF PERIODICALS REGULARLY RECEIVED AT THE LIBRARY.

Those not found in the Reading-rooms may be called for at the Desk.

American Historical Review.	Littell's Living Age.
Athenæum, London.	McClure's Magazine.
Atlantic Monthly.	Mass. Agr. Exper. Station Reports.
Blackwood's Magazine.	New Church Messenger.
Book Reviews.	N. E. Historical and Gen. Register.
Boston Public Library Bulletins.	New England Magazine.
Brookline Public Library Bulletin.	Newton Graphic.
Cambridge Public Library Bulletin.	Newton Journal.
Cambridge Tribune.	New World.
Catholic World.	Nineteenth Century.
Century Magazine.	North American Review.
Christian Register.	Notes and Queries (London).
Contemporary Review.	Official Gazette of U.S Patent Office.
Cosmopolitan.	Our Dumb Animals.
Dublin Review.	Providence Public Library Bulletin.
Edinburg Review.	Punch.
Elliott's Magazine and Good Roads.	Quarterly Review.
English Illustrated Magazine.	Review of Reviews.
Fliegende Blätter.	St. Nicholas.
Fortnightly Review.	Scribner's Monthly Magazine.
Forum.	Specifications and drawings of U. S.
Good Words.	Patent Office.
Harper's Magazine.	Springfield Library Bulletin.
Ladies' Home Journal.	Travelers' Record.
Lawrence Public Library Bulletin.	Tuftonian.
Land of Sunshine.	Tufts Weekly.
Library Journal.	Union Signal.
Library News Letter.	U.S. Department of Labor Bulletin.
Life (N. Y.)	Waltham Public Library Bulletin
Literary Digest.	Watertown Enterprise.
Literary News.	Woman's Journal.
Literary World.	

PERIODICALS GIVEN BY THE WATERTOWN MAGAZINE CLUB.

Art Journal, London.	Christian Register.
Atlantic Monthly.	Cosmopolitan.
Century.	Forum.

Graphic (London).
 Harper's Bazaar.
 Harper's Weekly.
 Life.

New England Magazine.
 Review of Reviews.
 St. Nicholas.
 Scribner's Monthly.

PERIODICALS FROM THE INCOME OF THE ASA PRATT FUND.

Amateur Photographer, London.
 American Architect, Internat'l ed.
 American Machinist.
 American Naturalist.
 Appalachia.
 Art Amateur.
 Birds, and All Nature.
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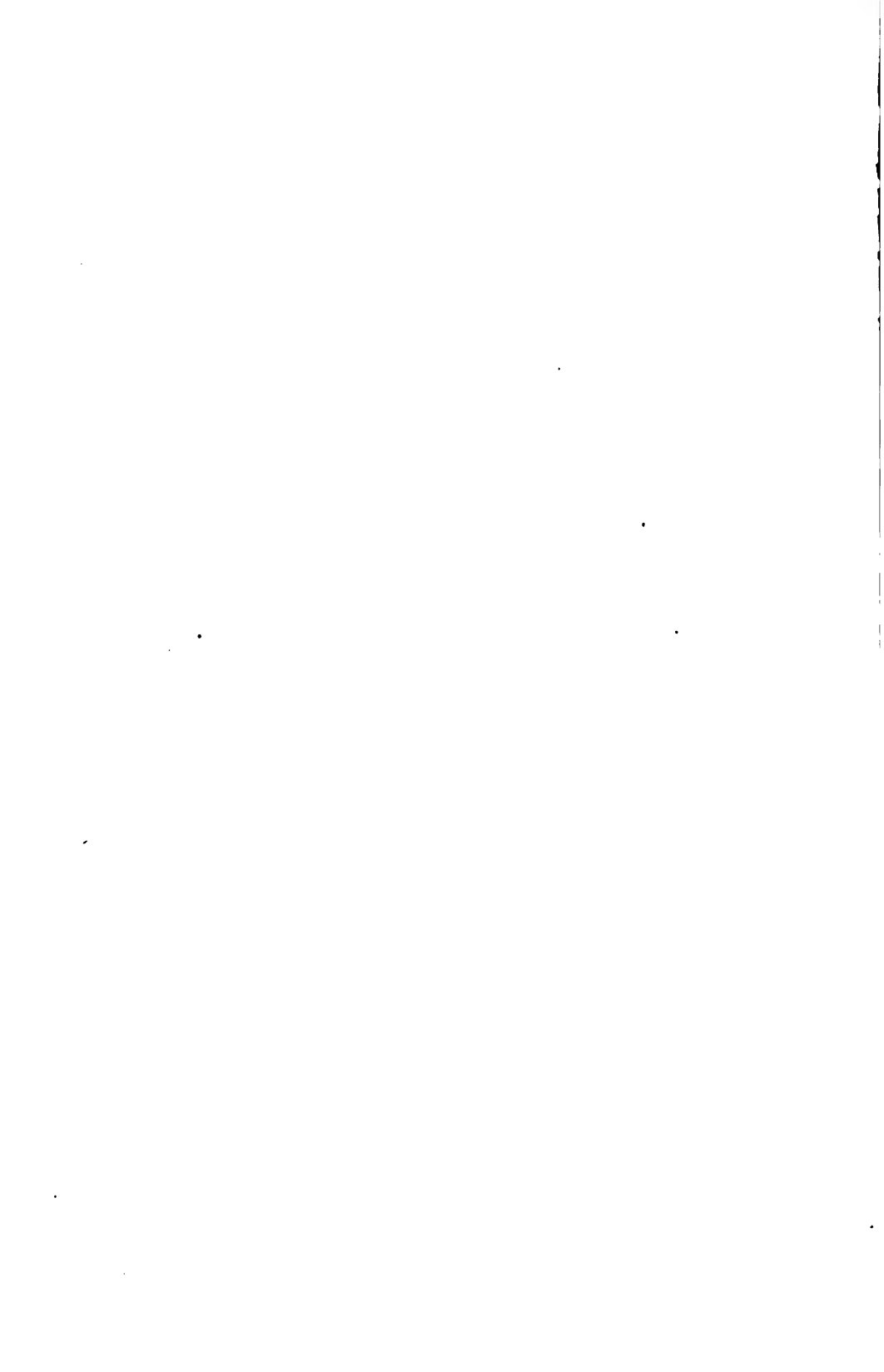
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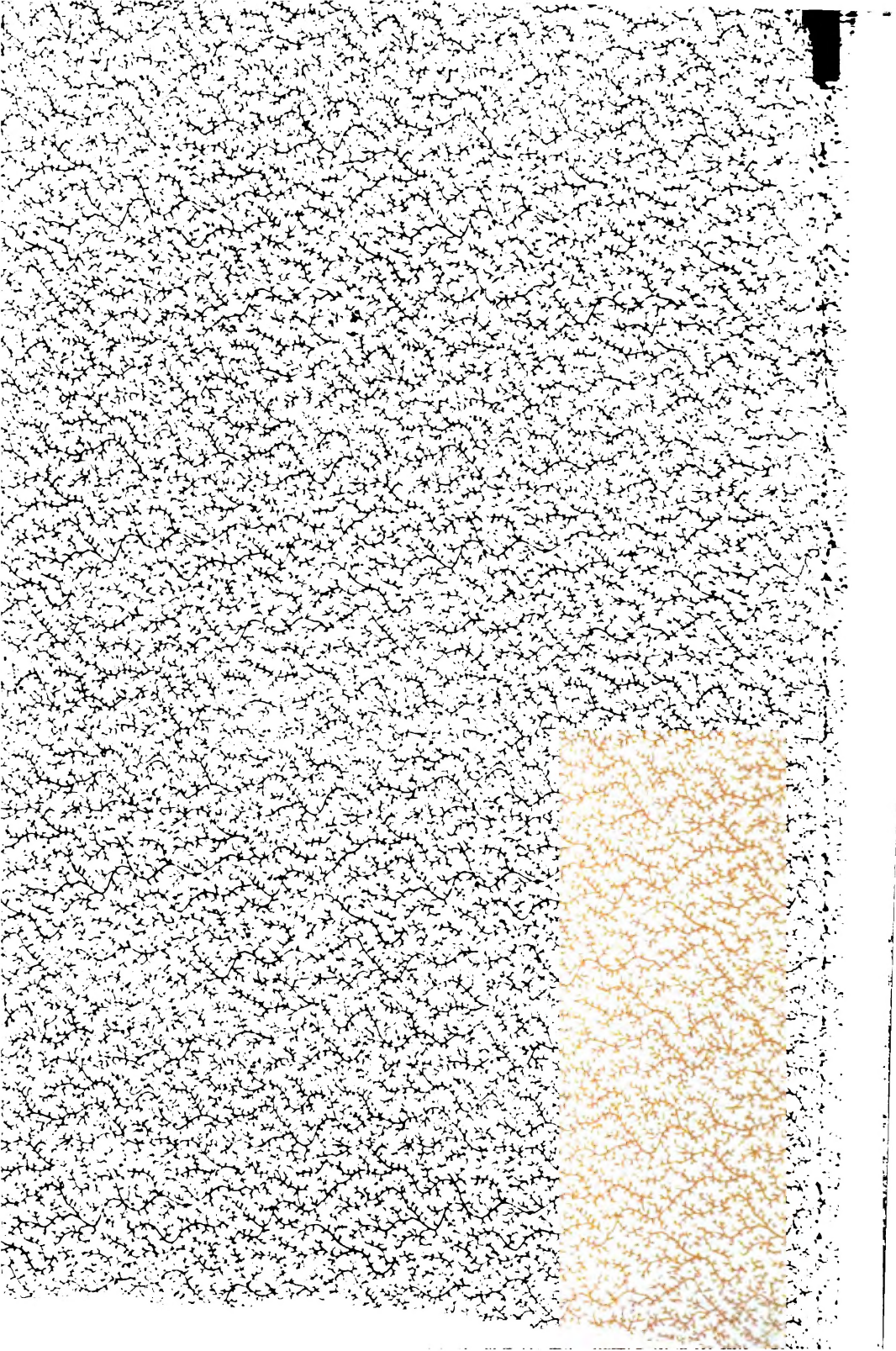
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